



**Rhode Island Department of Health**

**Immunization Information for Schools and Child Care Workers**

Students and child care workers are required to be vaccinated against certain diseases in Rhode Island. These requirements are based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and healthcare providers in Rhode Island.

More information about these diseases is available online.

**Required immunizations for students**

**Requirements for children entering pre-kindergarten, child care, or day care centers**

These requirements only apply to children in facilities licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

- 4 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
  - 1 dose of flu vaccine each year
  - 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
  - 3 doses of Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) vaccine
  - 1 dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
  - 4 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (not routinely given to healthy children 5 years of age and older)
  - 3 doses of polio vaccine
  - 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- Plus a physical exam  
 ◦ See TB screening (next page)

**Requirements for children entering kindergarten**

A child who is entering kindergarten must have met the pre-kindergarten immunization requirements, plus:

- 1 dose of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
  - 1 dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
  - 1 dose of polio vaccine
  - 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- Plus a 5 year old physical exam  
 ◦ See TB screening next page

**Requirements for children entering 7th grade**

A child who is entering 7th grade must have met the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten immunization requirements, plus:

- 1 dose of HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine
  - 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate (meningitis) vaccine
  - 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine
- Plus a 7th grade physical exam  
 ◦ See TB screening next page

**Requirements for children entering 8th grade**

A child who is entering 8th grade must have met the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten immunization requirements, plus:

- 2 doses of HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine

**Requirement for children entering 12th grade**

A child who is entering 12th grade must have met the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and 7th grade immunization requirements, plus:

- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate (meningitis) vaccine - booster dose

• Plus a 12<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Exam  
 • See TB screening (below)

**TB (Tuberculosis) Screening**

Standing Order: TUBERCULIN (TB) Screening in the South Kingstown Schools.

Prior to entry into any school in the South Kingstown School System, all children born out of the United States and/or children who have a family member with known TB infection, must provide evidence of a current P.P.D. (Mantoux Test) with results to the School Nurse-Teacher. The P.P.D. test must be done in the United States.

Children in the school system who are known to travel outside of the United States for longer than 90 days, should also have a PPD upon re-registration to the South Kingstown School System.

Unless this information is provided to the School Nurse-Teacher at the time of registration, the student will not be allowed to enter school.

Anyone with a positive P.P.D. must have a negative follow-up chest x-ray with results to the school nurse-teacher before they can enter school.

Any child who has had a BCG may opt for a chest x-ray rather than the P.P.D. Again all results must be seen by the school nurse teacher before entry.

PPD screening for all other children who were born in the United States and have not traveled outside of the country should be performed at the discretion of the primary health care provider who would assess the child's risk for TB.

This policy has been put into effect with the knowledge of the State Department of Health.

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