

## Medical Information (2009-2010 School Year)

The following medical information is required for school enrollment:

### 1. Physical Examination

Within the Commonwealth of Virginia a comprehensive physical examination is required for all pupils admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten performed no earlier than 12 months prior to the date such pupil enters such public kindergarten or elementary school.

All physical examinations for the 2009-2010 school year must be dated on or after 9/2/08.

The physical examination form (MCH 213F) is available at the school.

A legible copy of the physical examination must be a part of the school record.

The date recorded on the form is to be entered into the data system.

### 2. Immunizations (Note changes: DPT, Polio, Measles);

Minimum Immunization requirements for K-12 school enrollment are:

- a. DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus) dates for three (3) doses of DPT with one (1) of the three (3) administered after the fourth birthday. Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements.

Effective July 1, 2006, a booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 6th grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

- b. Polio (TOPV) dates for three (3) doses of Polio with one (1) of the three administered after the fourth birthday. However, a child who has received four doses before the fourth birthday is adequately immunized and does not need a dose after the fourth birthday.
- c. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella - A minimum of two (2) measles, one (1) mumps and one (1) rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine is usually given as MMR), with the second dose administered prior to entering kindergarten or first grade (ages 4-6), which ever occurs first, effective July 1, 1991.
- d. All students born on or after January 1, 1994 are required to have a minimum of three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine.

Effective July 1, 1992 all students entering sixth grade must have a second measles vaccine prior to school entrance. This is usually given as MMR.

- e. Varicella (chickenpox vaccine) all susceptible children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have a dose of chickenpox vaccine not earlier than the age of 12 months.

3. Immunization requirements for Head Start and VA Preschool Initiative:

- a. DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus) dates for three doses with one (1) of the three (3) administered after the fourth birthday.
- b. Polio (TOPV) dates for three doses with one (1) of the three (3) administered after the fourth birthday. However, a child who has received four doses before the fourth birthday is adequately immunized and does not need a dose after the fourth birthday.
- c. MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) date after the first birthday.
- d. HIB (Hemophilus Influenza B) one dose is REQUIRED for Head Start provided this dose is given after 15 months of age in accordance with federal guidelines. HIB (Hemophilus Influenza B) is NOT REQUIRED for the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program.
- e. Hepatitis B - is REQUIRED prior to entering Head Start and the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program (the entire series).
- f. Tuberculin skin test or TB risk assessment, blood pressure, lead and anemia screenings.

4. Exceptions for students in grades K-12:

Incomplete Immunizations

Children may be enrolled conditionally if they have a record of the following immunizations: 1 dose of MMR, 1 polio, and 1 DPT obtained within 1 month and accompanied by a written plan for completion of immunizations.

Religious Exemptions

A parent may claim a religious exemption by completing a notarized State Department of Health and Education form.

Medical Exemption

A physician may recommend that certain immunizations be omitted for a child. Such a child may be accepted only if the medical exemption section of the medical form (MCH 213F) is completed properly and signed by a physician or official of the Health Department.