2012-13 GUIDE TO THE IDAHO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR **Parents** of Children In or Entering Preschool & Grades K-12

Why Your Child Needs Shots

The Idaho School Immunization Law requires that children be up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) to attend school. Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a potential for the spread of infectious diseases. Diseases like chickenpox, measles, and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter preschool and grades K-12.

What You Need At Registration

You will need to present your child's immunization record to the school at the time of registration to enroll your child in school. The immunization record must show the date (month, day, and year) your child was given each required shot. If you do not have an immunization record or your child has not received all required shots, call your doctor or local health department now for an appointment.

Required Shots for School

Review your child's immunization record to make sure you have a date for each shot required.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY (Preschool & K-12)

Immunization Requirement by Age	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children born on or before September 1, 1999 must have a minimum of:	(4) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 2005[1] must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio[3] (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox)[4] (2) Hepatitis A

7th GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Immunization Requirement by Grade[5]	Doses of Vaccines Required
Children admitted to 7th grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:	(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal

1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
3. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3th dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
4. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.
5. 7th Grade Requirement: This requirement will be extended to: 7th-8th grade students in 2012, 7th-9th grade students in 2013, 7th-10th grade students in 2014, 7th-11th grade students in 2015, and 7th-12th grade students in 2016.

If your child's record is missing some doses, please contact your doctor or clinic now to obtain the full immunization record or any doses needed. If your child recently received immunizations and needs an immunization later in the year, he/she can be allowed to attend, provided you complete the Conditional Admission form and get the remaining doses when they become due.

If your child is not immunized due to medical, religious, or philosophical reasons, let the school know.

Reference

Section 39-4801, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children."