

# Health Services

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NURSE'S CORNER: Marlene Gebhart, District School Nurse

Your school nurse will be in your building every 6<sup>th</sup> day, but will be available by phone all other school days. A health aide will be in the building on days the nurse is at other schools. You are welcome to speak to either of us about your child's health concerns.

The district has adopted a plan to manage serious allergies at school. If your child has a serious allergy, please contact your nurse for a copy of the form to take to your physician to complete. You may speak to your school nurse to have it completed with your input and faxed to your physician for approval. This plan is good for one school year and requires parent, nurse, and physician signatures.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What does my child need to enter school?**

Your child will need a copy of their immunization record. This is required at the time of registration. You will have 14 days to get any needed shots to become compliant with Colorado law. You have the option of signing a personal exemption rather than receiving immunizations, if you are opposed. Should any outbreak occur and your child has a personal exemption, your child will be excluded from school until the outbreak is over. Failing to meet Colorado's requirements could result in your child being suspended from school until requirements have been met. See the chart below to see what shots your child is required to have. You will also need a copy of your child's latest physical exam. Physicals are required for initial entry, preschool, kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. A health history and 1<sup>st</sup> aid permission form is included in the enrollment packet, as well as a medication permission form.

GRADE	IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED		BY GRADE			2014- 2015	
	DTP/Tdap	POLIO	MMR	HEP B	Hib	Pneumo- coccal	Chicken- pox
Preschool	4	3	1	3	**1	2	1
Kinder	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
1st	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
2nd	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
3rd	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
4th	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
5th	5	4	2	3	0	0	2
6th	6	4	2	3	0	0	2
7th	6	4	2	3	0	0	*2
8th	6	4	2	3	0	0	1
9th	6	4	2	3	0	0	1
10th	6	4	2	3	0	0	1
11th	6	4	2	3	0	0	1
12th	6	4	2	3	0	0	1

\*\*Hib is only required for Preschool

\*New requirement for this grade per Colorado law

Tetanus requirements may vary-see the nurse for details

Polio requirements may vary-see the nurse for details

Immunizations are REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

Personal Exemptions are available-see the nurse for details

Chickenpox vaccination (or history of disease) required for K-11 for all grades this year

**PLEASE NOTE: TDAP IS NOT THE SAME AS TD/DT  
IT CONTAINS PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)-CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR  
TDAP BOOSTER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADE 6-12**

**When should my child stay home from school?**

\*If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. Children should be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol.

\*If your child is vomiting or has vomited in the past 12 hours.

\*If your child is having diarrhea or has had diarrhea in the past 12 hours.

\*If your child is being treated for an infection with antibiotics and it has been less than 24 hours.

\*If your child is too uncomfortable to learn or participate in learning.

\*If your child is obviously ill whether fever is present or not.

\*If your child has a contagious illness such as chickenpox

\*If your child has a "cold" and fever, large amounts of nasal drainage or a cough present that would be disruptive to the class and student.

\*If your child has head lice and has not yet been treated and all nits removed.

**What do I do if my child needs to take medication at school?**

- \* Many medications may be given outside of school hours.
- \* You may come to the school and give it to your child at the appropriate time.
- \* A medication permission form must be filled out if the medication must be given at school. The physician and parent must sign this form, however we may fax it to your physician if you would prefer. Please contact the school for a copy.
- \* Medication must be in the original packaging or pharmacy labeled bottle. We will not administer medications brought in a baggie, contact lens case, or student's pockets.
- \* Most pharmacies will label 2 bottles, 1 for home use and 1 for school use.
- \* Students needing to carry their medication will be allowed to do so (ie: asthma inhalers, insulin, Epi-pens, and other emergency lifesaving medications) with the parent and physician signatures.

**Where do I find free or sliding scale health care?**

\*Contact the school nurse or health aide at your child's school for CHP+ or Medicaid applications.

\*The following clinics may be of assistance:

Monfort Children's Clinic, 947 1 <sup>st</sup> St, Greeley	352-8878
Sunrise Clinic 2038 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Greeley	353-9403
Weld County Health Dept, Greeley	304-6420
Salud Clinics in various towns	

**What information does the nurse need to know?**

- \*Any change in physical condition, treatments, or medications.
- \*Any new diagnosis or serious accidents, illnesses, or injuries (such as concussion).
- \*Any new immunizations.
- \*Any change in emergency contact numbers.
- \*Any new physical exam or sports physical

**Required annual immunization letters from the state:**

This letter is available in other languages-please contact the nurse

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Dear Parents of Students in Colorado Schools, K through 12th Grades (School Year 2014-15), Immunizations are an important part of our children's health care, and Colorado law requires that children going to school be vaccinated to prevent vaccine-preventable disease. The purpose of this letter is to let you know which vaccines are required for school attendance and which vaccines are recommended for best protection against vaccine-preventable disease (see chart on second page). As a parent, it is important to know that in addition to the vaccines required by the state of Colorado Board of Health for school entry, there are vaccines that are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This is the immunization schedule that will best protect your child from even more vaccine- preventable diseases.

Parents often have concerns or want more information about children's immunizations and vaccine safety. A resource developed for parents with frequently asked questions about the safety and importance of vaccines can be located at: [www.ImmunizeForGood.com](http://www.ImmunizeForGood.com) . The Colorado Immunization Section's website is located at: [www.ColoradoImmunizations.com](http://www.ColoradoImmunizations.com) .

Schools work hard to ensure compliance with the immunization laws. Your help in providing updated immunization records at school registration and when your child receives additional vaccine(s) is greatly appreciated. Please discuss your child's vaccination needs with your child's doctor or local public health agency. (To find your local public health department's contact information call the Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777). Please bring your child's updated immunization records to the school each time your child receives an immunization.

Sincerely,

Colorado Immunization Section  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
303-692-2700

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION <b>RECOMMENDED VACCINES FOR THE BEST PROTECTION</b> Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2014-15 Required for School Attendance. AGAINST VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE <b>VACCINE</b> <i>Vaccines administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum age are valid</i>	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (5-18 Years of Age)
<b>Pertussis</b> <i>DTaP only licensed through 6 yrs of age.</i>	5 to 6	5 <b>DTaP</b> ( if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4th birthday, the requirement is met). The final dose of DTaP must be administered no sooner than 4 years of age. <b>Tdap</b> req. 6th through 12th grades.
<b>Tetanus/Diphtheria</b> <i>DT only licensed through 6 yrs of age.</i>	3 to 5	5 <b>DT</b> ( if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4th birthday, the requirement is met). If child is 7 yrs of age or older, must have 3 appropriately spaced tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccines (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap) - 4 wks between dose 1 & 2 and 6 mos between dose 2 & 3
<b>Polio (IPV)</b>	3 to 4	4 <b>IPV</b> ( if dose 3 was administered on or th after the 4 birthday, requirement met). Final dose must be given no sooner than 4th birthday.
<b>Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)</b> <i>Proposed for this school year – 1 dose of Rubella meets requirement.</i>	2	The 1st dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1st birthday. 2 doses required for K thru 12th grades.
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b> <i>Documentation of disease from a health care provider (physician, RN or PA) is required.</i>	1 or 2	The 1st dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1st birthday. 2 doses are required for children entering K through 7th grade. 1 dose is required for 8th through 12th grades.
<b>Hepatitis B</b> <i>Students who have not received 3 doses of Hep B vaccine prior to 7/1/2009 must follow the minimum intervals recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)</i>	3	The second dose must be administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The third dose must be administered at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The final dose is to be administered no sooner than 24 weeks (6 mos) of age. The 2-dose series is acceptable for ages 11-15 years. 2 doses can only be accepted using the approved vaccine for the 2-dose series with proper documentation (name of the vaccine, dosage, dates, and interval).