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HCPH Scheduling Back to School Immunizations

NORWALK, Ohio— Summer vacation is in full swing, but Huron County Public Health (HCPH) would like to share that we are scheduling appointments for back-to-school immunizations!

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has published the list of vaccine requirements for the 2026-27 school year, per [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) 3313.671](#) that requires students to be fully protected against 10 vaccine-preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria.
- Hepatitis B.
- Measles.
- Meningococcal.
- Mumps.
- Pertussis.
- Polio.
- Rubella.
- Tetanus.
- Varicella.

The complete schedule of 2026-27 school year immunizations for students entering grades K-12 can be found at [Ohio Immunization Summary for School Attendance](#), and will also be attached to this press release for parents and guardians to print out as needed.

Schedule an immunization appointment at HCPH today by calling our Nursing Division at 419-668 1652 ext. 241.



Nicole Marks, MPH
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Ohio Immunization Summary for School Attendance, 2026-2027



Vaccine/Grade	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	4 or more doses												
Hep B Hepatitis B	3 or more doses												
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses												
Polio	3 or more doses												
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses												
Tdap Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis								1 dose					
MCV4 Meningococcal ACWY								1st dose				2nd dose	

Important Notes:

- Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered greater than or equal to five days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated when age appropriate.
- If MMR and varicella are **not** given on the same day, the doses must be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.
- For additional information, please refer to the [Ohio Revised Code 3313.67](#) and [3313.671](#) and the [Ohio Department of Health \(ODH\) Director's Journal Entry](#) regarding school immunization requirements, recommended vaccines, and exemptions to immunizations.
- Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at 800-282-0546 or 614-466-4643 with questions.**

Ohio School Immunization Requirement Details

DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Grades K-12 Four or more doses of DTaP or DT vaccine, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required. <i>Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students are four weeks between the first and second doses, and the second and third doses; and six months between the third and fourth doses and the fourth and fifth doses.</i>
Hep B Hepatitis B	Grades K-12 Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least eight weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose) must not be administered before age 24 weeks.
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Grades K-12 Two doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose.
Polio	Grades K-12 Three or more doses of IPV vaccine. The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday with at least six months between the final and previous dose, regardless of the number of previous doses. <i>If both tOPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, the total number of doses needed to complete the series is the same as that recommended for the U.S. IPV schedule. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward the U.S. vaccination requirements. Doses of OPV administered before April 1, 2016, should be counted (unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign). Doses of OPV administered on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted.</i>
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Grades K-12 Two doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three months after the first dose; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.
Tdap Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis	Grades 7-12 One dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the tenth birthday. Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine. <i>Children aged seven years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. If the series began at age seven to nine years, the fourth dose must be a Tdap given at age 11-12 years. If the third dose of Tdap is given at age 10 years, no additional dose is needed at age 11-12 years.</i>
Meningococcal Meningococcal ACWY	Grades 7-11 One dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered on or after the 10th birthday. Grade 12 Two doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday, only one dose is required.