



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

WISCONSIN STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW 2014 / 2015



The Wisconsin Student Immunization law has recently changed. New vaccine requirements for Tdap and Varicella were added which may affect your child's compliance with the law. Parents are **required** to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver by indicating their choice on the attached Student Immunization Record and return it to their child's school **by the 30th day of school**. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to \$25 per day or possible exclusion from school. Be sure to indicate your child's most recent Tetanus-containing vaccine when completing Student Immunization Record as this will effect their compliance.

What are the new law requirements and what grades do they effect?

- 2 doses of **varicella (chickenpox) vaccine** for students **entering grades K - 12**
- 1 dose of **tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap)** for students **entering grades 6 – 12**

<u>Age/Grade</u>	<u>Number of Doses</u>				
Pre K (2 yrs through 4 yrs)	4 DTP/DTaP/DT	3 Polio	3 Hep B	1 MMR	1 Var*
Grade K – 5	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Var*
Grade 6 – 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td	1 Tdap	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 Var*

* Please note: History of Chicken Pox Disease makes student exempt from Varicella requirements.

What do parents/guardians need to do?

- 1) Please check your child's immunization record. If you are unsure of their compliance with the new immunization law, please contact your child's doctor or local public health department to confirm compliance.
- 2) If your child's immunization records indicate they are already compliant with the new immunization law, please complete the Student Immunization Record with the most up-to-date information, sign it and return to your child's school.
- 3) If your child's immunization records indicate they are **NOT** compliant with the new immunization law, please have your child vaccinated with Tdap, Varicella, or other required vaccines as soon as possible. Record the date(s) of the immunizations on the Student Immunization Record, sign it and return to your child's school.
- 4) To claim a waiver for health, religious or personal conviction reasons follow the instructions on the Student Immunization Record and return the signed form to your child's school.

Are there EXCEPTIONS to the new Tdap and varicella vaccine requirements?

- 1) EXCEPTION for Tdap vaccine: If your child will be entering **grades 6 – 12** and already received a tetanus-containing vaccine (ex: Td vaccine) within the last 5 years, your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required. Check the box marked "Td", enter the date it was received on the Student Immunization Record and return it to school.
- 2) EXCEPTION for Varicella vaccine: If your child had chickenpox disease, even after the 1st dose of varicella vaccine, further doses of the vaccine are not required. Check the "Yes" box to the chickenpox disease question on the Student Immunization Record and return it to school.

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DISTRIBUTE TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6 AND OTHER STUDENTS AS NEEDED.**