

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Immunizations (also called vaccines or shots) are one of the most important ways to protect children from diseases. Immunizations are especially important for school-aged children because children in school are regularly in close contact with others who may be able to spread these diseases.

**For the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, all students will need the following immunizations or an appropriate waiver.**

**Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grades**

- 4 doses of polio
- 4 doses of DtaP/DT/Td
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or history of disease documented by a qualified health care professional
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)

**7<sup>th</sup> grade**

All the previously required vaccines, plus:

- 1 dose of Tdap
- 1 MenACWY-containing vaccine

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

All the previously required vaccines, plus a booster dose of a MenACYW-containing vaccine. Those students who have not received their first dose by age 16 should only receive one dose.

For more information, please talk with your child's doctor or visit the [DHS website](#).

**What should I do?**

Make sure your child is up to date on their vaccinations by checking your child's immunization record. To get your child up to date on their vaccinations:

1. Make a vaccine appointment with your doctor or the Grant County Health Department.
2. Ask the health care provider to complete the [Student Immunization Record form](#).. Return the form to *your school's nurse or designated health representative*.
3. You can also visit the [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#) to see if your child is missing or coming due for any immunizations.

Immunizations are covered by most health insurance plans. If you do not have health insurance, or your health insurance does not cover immunizations, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program may be able to help with the cost of immunizations. For more information on the VFC program visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/vfc-parent.htm>.

Please contact your school district or visit the [DHS website](#) for more information on [school vaccine requirements](#).