



New Immunization Requirements For 2010-11 School Year!

A change in immunization requirements for school attendance has been updated for the 2010-11 school year by the Ohio Department of Health.

The changes will impact students entering kindergarten and 7th grade in the upcoming school year. The major changes effective for the 2010-11 school year are:

- The addition of a Tdap or Td booster requirement for 7th grade
- The addition of the 2nd dose of Varicella (a progressive requirement starting with kindergarten for 2010)
- A requirement that the 4th dose of polio be administered on or after the 4th birthday

The most significant change is the addition of a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) or Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster for 7th graders. Most children entering 7th grade in Ohio have not yet received the Tdap or Td booster; additionally, there has not been an immunization requirement for 7th grade entry since 1999. Of the two, Tdap is preferred because it provides vital protection against pertussis (also known as whooping cough).

We encourage parents to check your child's or children's immunization record with your health care provider for any updates that need to be administered before the start of the 2010-11 school year.