

MINIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION
Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2011-12

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (5-18 Years of Age)
		<i>Vaccines administered ≤4 days before the minimum age are valid</i>
Pertussis	5 to 6	5 DTaP or if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 th birthday, the requirement is met. The final dose must be administered no sooner than 4 years of age. (DTaP is only licensed for children under 7 years of age). 1 Tdap is required for students entering 6 th through 12 th grades.
Tetanus/Diphtheria	3 to 5	5 DT or if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 th birthday, the requirement is met. A student 7 through 9 years of age who has had only a 2 doses of DTaP or DT (before the age of 7 years) can meet the tetanus/diphtheria requirement by receiving a dose of Td if it is given 6 months after the 2 nd dose. (Tdap should be given to students at 10 or 11 years of age to complete the tetanus/diphtheria requirement if possible).
Polio	3/4	4 IPV or if dose 3 was administered on or after the 4 th birthday, only 3 doses are required. The final dose must be given no sooner than the 4 th birthday. Seniors – 3 doses required. <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2	For school certification, the 1st dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. The minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is at least 28 days. <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
Varicella (Chickenpox) <i>Documentation of disease from a health care provider (physician, RN or PA) is required.</i>	1 or 2	For school certification, the vaccine cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 st birthday. 2 doses are required for children entering K, through 4th grade. 1 dose is required for 5th through 11 th grade. <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
Hepatitis B <i>Students who have not received 3 doses of Hep B vaccine prior to 7/1/09, must follow the minimum intervals recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)</i>	3	ACIP minimum intervals: 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 or 6 months of age. The 2-dose series is acceptable for ages 11-15. 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). <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>

You must provide one of the following to your child's school in order to comply with the law:

1. A completed Certificate of Immunization certifying that the student has received minimum immunizations as indicated above.
2. If a student's Certificate of Immunization is not up to date, the parent/guardian or emancipated student has 14 days after direct notification to provide documentation that the next required immunization was administered and submit a written plan for completion of any additional required immunizations. If the plan is not completed, the student shall be expelled or suspended from school for non-compliance. Exception to this rule is a shortage of vaccine.
3. Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law printed on the reverse side of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Certificate of Immunization:
 - a) a **medical** exemption signed by licensed physician stating that the student's physical condition is such that immunizations would endanger life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated; or
 - b) a **religious** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief opposed to immunizations; or
 - c) a **personal** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902.



To learn where to obtain immunizations free or at low cost call the Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777.