



Immunizations for Rhode Island Students

Required Immunizations

Kindergarten – requirements for entry		
Name of vaccine	Diseases it protects against	Doses required
DTaP	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	5
Hepatitis B vaccine	Hepatitis B	3
MMR	Measles, mumps, rubella	2
Polio vaccine	Polio	4
Varicella vaccine	Varicella (chickenpox)	2 *

7th Grade – requirements for entry		
Name of vaccine	Diseases it protects against	Doses required
HPV vaccine	Human papillomavirus	1 **
Meningococcal conjugate	Meningitis	1
Tdap	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	1

12th Grade – requirements for entry		
Name of vaccine	Diseases it protects against	Doses required
Meningococcal conjugate	Meningitis	1 (booster dose)

Recommended immunizations

- Flu: Everyone 6 months of age and older should be vaccinated against the flu every year.
- Hepatitis A: All children should be vaccinated against hepatitis A when they are 1 year old.

More information

More information about these requirements, see www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools
 If you have questions about the immunizations that students need, contact the Rhode Island Department of Health at 401-222-5960 / RI Relay 711.

* A signed note by a doctor stating that the child has had a history of chickenpox can meet the requirement for varicella immunizations.

** A 3-dose HPV immunization requirement is being phased in. For fall 2015, 1 dose will be required for 7th graders. For fall 2016, one dose will be required for 7th graders and 2 doses will be required for 8th graders. For fall 2017, 1 dose will be required for 7th graders, 2 doses will be required for 8th graders, and 3 doses will be required for 9th graders.