

School Health Services

Kindergarten Registration Letter

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

It is with much anticipation that we await your child's entrance into Kindergarten! Nursing services in this school district are provided by Akron Children's Hospital School Health Services. Akron Children's Hospital School Health Services is dedicated to supporting the academic success of all children and youth through health promotion, education and child advocacy.

The following forms are needed for school entry:

- 1. Emergency Medical Authorization, REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION.
- 2. School Health Record provides a student health history, completed by parent, REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION.
- 3. Current Immunization Record, completed by a healthcare provider, REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION. Please bring the record even if your child has not had the final boosters yet. We can make a copy if you have the original. State of Ohio health law requires the following immunizations for school entry:

DT/DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Varicella

Please note: Immunizations must be completed within 15 days of starting school, or your child may be excluded from attendance by the principal. Immunizations can be obtained through your child's primary healthcare provider or through the:

•	Portage County Health Dapartment
	(330-296-9919)

- 4. Healthcare Provider Report, completed by the doctor. Can be mailed or faxed in to the school clinic.
- 5. Dentist Report, completed by a dentist. Can be mailed or faxed in to the school clinic.6. Other:

in addition, if your child has a medical condition that may need intervention at school, for example allergies, medications, etc., please call us so accommodations can be arranged.	e asthma, food

We are looking forward to a healthy school year!

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Ohio Immunization Summary for School Attendance, 2025-2026 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Vaccine/Grade 7th 8th 10th **DTaP** Diphtheria, 4 or more doses Tetanus, **Pertussis** Hep B 3 or more doses **Hepatitis B MMR** Measles, 2 doses Mumps, Rubella 3 or more doses Polio **Varicella** 2 doses (Chickenpox) **Tdap** Tetanus, 1 dose Diphtheria, **Pertussis** MCV4 2nd 1st dose Meningococcal dose **ACWY**

Important Notes:

- Vaccine should be administered according to the most recent version of the <u>Recommended Child and Adolescent</u>
 <u>Immunization Schedule</u> for ages 18 years or younger or the <u>Catch-up immunization schedule for persons aged four</u>
 <u>months-18 years who start late or who are more than one month behind</u>, as published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
- Vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the minimum interval or age are valid (grace period). Doses administered greater than or equal to five days earlier than the minimum interval or age are not valid doses and should be repeated when age appropriate.
- If MMR and varicella are **not** given on the same day, the doses must be separated by at least 28 days with no grace period.
- For additional information, please refer to the <u>Ohio Revised Code 3313.67</u> and <u>3313.671</u> and the <u>Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director's Journal Entry</u> regarding school immunization requirements, recommended vaccines, and exemptions to immunizations.

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• Please contact the Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program at 800-282-0546 or 614-466-4643 with questions.

Ohio School Immunization Requirement Details		
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Grades K-12 Four or more doses of DTaP or DT vaccine, or any combination. If all four doses were given before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is required. If the fourth dose was administered at least six months after the third dose, and on or after the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is not required. Recommended DTaP or DT minimum intervals for kindergarten students are four weeks between the first and second doses, and the second and third doses; and six months between the third and fourth doses and the	
	fourth and fifth doses. Grades K-12	
Hep B Hepatitis B	Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least eight weeks after the second dose. The last dose in the series (third or fourth dose) must not be administered before age 24 weeks.	
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Grades K-12 Two doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose.	
Polio	Grades K-12 Three or more doses of IPV vaccine. The FINAL dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday with at least six months between the final and previous dose, regardless of the number of previous doses. If any combination of IPV and OPV was received, four doses of either vaccine are required. Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) counts toward the U.S. vaccination requirements. Doses of OPV administered before April 1, 2016, should be counted (unless specifically noted as administered during a campaign). Doses of OPV administered on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted.	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Grades K-12 Two doses of varicella vaccine must be administered prior to entry. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three months after the first dose; however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after the first dose, it is considered valid.	
Tdap Tetanus,	Grades 7-12 One dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered on or after the tenth birthday. Tdap can be given regardless of the interval since the last tetanus or diphtheria-toxoid containing vaccine.	
Diphtheria, Pertussis	Children aged seven years or older with an incomplete history of DTaP should be given Tdap as the first dose in the catch-up series. If the series began at age seven to nine years, the fourth dose must be a Tdap given at age 11-12 years. If the third dose of Tdap is given at age 10 years, no additional dose is needed at age 11-12 years.	
Meningococcal Meningococcal	Grades 7-11 One dose of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine must be administered on or after the 10 th birthday.	
ACWY	Grade 12 Two doses of meningococcal (serogroup A, C, W, and Y) vaccine. Second dose on or after age 16 years. If the first dose was given on or after the 16 th birthday, only one dose is required.	