

Grades K-12

REFERENCE	Section 39-4801, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children."				
WHY CHILDREN NEED SHOTS	The Idaho School Immunization Law requires that children be up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) to attend school. Diseases like measles and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter. Most children need booster shots before starting kindergarten.				
SCHOOL PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONS	Parents must present their child's Immunization Record prior to attendance at public, private, or parochial school in Idaho. Copy the full date (MM/DD/YYYY) of each shot onto the Idaho School Health Form and then determine if the child is up to date. Health Forms are available through the Idaho Immunization Program. As the school official, it is your responsibility to follow-up regularly until all required shots have been received.				
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS	VACCINE	REQUIRED DOSES All doses must meet the minimum age and intervals			
	Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT, Td, Tdap)	5 doses* 4 doses meet requirements if at least one dose was on or after the 4 th birthday.			
	Polio (IPV and or OPV)	3 doses			
	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses*			
	Hepatitis B	3 doses**			
	<p>Note: A 4th dose of Polio, 2 doses of Varicella, and 2 doses of Hepatitis A are recommended for all school-aged children. Adolescents 11- 18 are recommended to be vaccinated with 1 booster dose of Tdap, 1 dose of a Meningococcal vaccine, and 3 doses of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (women). To protect students and prevent outbreaks school officials should promote these additional immunizations whenever possible.</p> <p>*Effective for the SY 2005-2006 all children enrolled in Kindergarten must have 5 doses of DTaP and 2 doses of MMR. ** All children born on or after November 22, 1991 are required to have 3 doses of Hepatitis B.</p>				
MINIMUM AGE AND INTERVAL BETWEEN DOSES (ACCELERATED SCHEDULE)	Children up to 7 years				
	Dose One (Minimum Age)	Dose One to Dose Two	Dose Two to Dose Three	Dose Three to Dose Four	Dose Four to Dose Five
	DTaP (6 wks)	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months	6 months
	IPV (6 wks)	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	
	MMR (12 months)	4 weeks			
	Hepatitis B (Birth)	4 weeks	8 weeks (and 16 weeks after 1 st dose)		
	Children age 7-18				
	Td (7 years)/ Tdap (10 years)* * If current age ≥10years then Tdap should be substituted for a single dose of Td in the primary catch-up series or as a booster if age-appropriate, use Td for all other doses.	4 weeks	8 weeks: if 1 st dose given at age <12months 6 months: if 1 st dose given at age ≥12months	Dose 3 to Booster Dose 6 months: if 1 st dose given at <12months. 5 years: A five-year interval from the last Td dose is encouraged when Tdap is used as a booster dose. - If between ages of 7-10 and the child has no DTaP history, then administer 3 doses of Td and a booster dose of Tdap at 11-12 years of age. See MIMWR2006: SS (RR-3) L34 for additional details.	
	IPV	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	
	Hepatitis B	4 weeks	8 weeks (and 16 weeks after 1 st dose)		
MMR	4 weeks				
CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	All students must present an immunization record prior to attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status. Students lacking one or more required vaccine doses, but not currently due for a dose may be admitted on the condition that they receive the still-needed dose(s) on the first recommended date. If the minimum time interval has passed, the student must be excluded from school until the immunization(s) has/have been received.				
EXEMPTIONS	Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim exemption from immunization requirements for their child based on religious or personal beliefs. A medical exemption will be granted for those children who present a letter from their physician stating that the child has a medical condition preventing them from receiving required vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to claim an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy. For children with an exemption, a signed exemption form (available through the State Immunization Program) or physician letter must be on file for the child. (Section 39-4802, Idaho Code)				