

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 <b>DTaP</b> or if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>Tdap</b> is required for students entering 6 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades.
Tetanus/Diphtheria	3 to 5	5 <b>DT</b> or if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> dose. ( <b>Tdap</b> should be given to students at 10 or 11 years of age to complete the tetanus/diphtheria requirement if possible).
Polio	4	4 <b>IPV</b> or if dose 3 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, only 3 doses are required. The final dose must be given no sooner than the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> birthday. 2 doses are required for children entering K, through 4th grade. 1 dose is required for 5th through 11 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>ACIP minimum intervals:</b> 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.*