

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES

PRE-ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

1. Physical Examinations are required before entry into Pre-school, Kindergarten, prior to school enrollment (if a new student coming from outside the state of CT) and in Grades 6 and 10. (A physical exam done within one year is acceptable).
2. State and local laws require the following immunizations to be completed **before** entry into school:
 - **POLIO VACCINATION** - Physician's verification of three (3) doses by entrance into school: the **last** dose received on or after the fourth birthday.
 - **DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/PERTUSSIS IMMUNIZATION** - Physician's verification of four (4) doses before entrance into school: the **last** dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need a total of 3 doses. (DTaP is not given on or after 7th birthday.)
 - **Tdap/Td-** Physician's verification of immunization on entry into Grade 7. One dose for students who have completed their primary DTaP series. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need a total of 3 doses of tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine, one of which must be Tdap.)
 - **MEASLES /MUMPS/RUBELLA VACCINATION** - Physician's verification of immunization on or after twelve (12) months of age. A second vaccination before entering Kindergarten and the 7th grade. (2 doses separated by a least 28 days – this applies to all students Grades K-12)
 - **HIB (HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B)** - Physician's verification of immunization on entry into Preschool or Kindergarten - exempt if passed his/her 5th birthday. One dose on or after 1st birthday.
 - **HEPATITIS B (HBV/HepB)** - Physician's verification of 3 doses with last dose given on or after 24 weeks on age. Spacing intervals for a valid HepB series are at least 4 weeks between dose #1 and dose #2; 8 weeks between dose #2 and dose #3; at least 16 weeks between dose #1 and dose #3; dose #3 should not be given before 24 weeks of age. This applies to all students K-12.
 - **VARICELLA** – Physician's verification of one dose on or after the 1st birthday or verification of disease. Before entry into Kindergarten and Grade 7 – 2 doses separated by at least 3 months with the 1st dose after the 1st birthday. For unvaccinated students 13 years of age and older, 2 doses given at least 4 weeks apart.
 - **INFLUENZA** – Physician's verification for Preschool students - 1 dose administered each year between August 1st-December 31st. (2 doses separated by at least 28 days required for those receiving flu for the first time)

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- **HEPATITIS A** – Physician’s verification for Preschool students - 2 doses given six months apart, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday. (Required for all Pre-K students born on or after 1/1/07. The vaccine will be required for all Kindergarten students born on or after 1/1/07 in the 2012-2013 school year.)
- **MENINGOCOCCAL** – Physician’s verification of 1 dose for students entering Grade 7 in 2011.
- **PNEUMOCOCCAL** – Physician’s verification for Preschool students - 1 dose on or after the 1st birthday for children less than 5 years old. The vaccine will be required for any student less than 5 years of age and born on or after 1/1/2007 in the 2012-2013 school year.
- **NOTE:** Laboratory confirmation of immunity is only acceptable for Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis A, and Varicella. Verification of Varicella Disease needs to be confirmed in writing by a MD, PA, or APRN that the child has a previous history of the disease, based on family or medical history.
- **EXEMPTIONS** –1. Religious (proper forms are required) and 2. Medical (certification from a physician stating that the immunization is contraindicated)

3. Tuberculin testing - This applies to foreign and foreign-born students (new entrants and Kindergarten students) entering from a high risk country*. Physician’s verification of a tuberculin test (Mantoux) given in the USA, including the date given and the results of the test.

- ***High Risk Country (As identified by the Center for Disease Control and the Connecticut Department of Public Health Infectious Diseases Section)**
- **RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE with the State Immunization and Local Laws lie with the PARENTS.** The immunization record MUST be one that provides the necessary information about the type, date, and dosage and is to be signed by a physician. A health record from the previous school will also be accepted.

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