



Spring/Summer 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To align with current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, the 2020 General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which amends the minimum vaccination requirements for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, childcare center, nursery school, family home day care, or developmental center.

This legislation became effective July 1, 2021, and amends the Code of Virginia § 32.1-46.A.4 to require:

- Two properly spaced doses of hepatitis A vaccine (HAV) for enrollment into kindergarten and 1st grade (1st grade is an addition for school year 2022-2023 due to doses being required for kindergarten for school year 2021-2022). The first dose shall be administered at age 12 months or older.
- Two doses of properly spaced human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (for males and females). The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7th grade.
- Two properly spaced doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The first dose shall be administered prior to entry to the 7th grade. The second dose shall be administered prior to entry to the 12th grade. Students that are rising 9th – 12th graders for the 2022-2023 school year will be grandfathered in and will only need one dose prior to 12th grade entry.

In addition to the new requirements above, in April 2018, the ACIP changed the minimum recommended age for the tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine from 10 to 11 years. Although the vaccine is approved by the FDA to be given at a younger age as part of a catch-up-schedule, a routine adolescent booster dose of Tdap should be administered at no younger than 11 years of age.

To align with current guidelines, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation effective July 1, 2019 that requires:

- One dose of the Tdap vaccine to be given to students prior to entry into the 7th grade.

The back of this letter outlines the new requirements and provides links for supplemental information concerning the new mandatory requirements. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's primary care physician, the Virginia Department of Health, or your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Dennis Moore

Dr. Dennis Moore

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Recent Additions to the Mandatory Immunization Requirement for the 2022-2023 School Year

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

HAV – 2 doses of properly spaced Hepatitis A vaccine (HAV) with the first dose given at 12 months of age or older.

7th Grade

HPV - 2 doses of properly spaced human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for males and females. *The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7th grade.*

MenACWY - 2 properly spaced doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). *The first dose shall be administered prior to entry to the 7th grade.*

Tdap - 1 dose of the Tdap vaccine to be given to students prior to entry into the 7th grade.

12th Grade

MenACWY - 2 properly spaced doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The first dose shall be administered prior to entry to the 7th grade. The second dose shall be administered prior to entry to the 12th grade. *Students that are rising 9th – 12th graders for the 2022-2023 school year will be grandfathered in and will only need one dose prior to 12th grade entry.*

Information Links

MenACWY, HPV, HAV Legislation 2021

https://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2021/095-21.pdf

English FAQ's for 2021

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2021/095-21a.docx

Spanish FAQ's for 2021

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2021/095-21b.docx

Tdap Legislation 2019

https://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2019/101-19.docx

Tdap FAQ's for 2019

https://doe.virginia.gov/administrators/superintendents_memos/2019/101-19a.docx

Virginia Childhood Vaccination Schedule – Updated 2021

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2021/03/VDH-Vaccine-Schedule.pdf>

Virginia Minimum School Immunization Requirements

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2021/03/Min_Requirements.pdf