

Bethlehem Central School District

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Kindergarten – Grade 4

- **DTaP:** 5 doses with the last dose at age 4 or older (*only exception is if 4th dose is after age 4*)
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday; must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday

Grade 5

- **DTaP:** 5 doses with the last dose at age 4 or older (*only exception is if 4th dose is after age 4*)
- **IPV:** 3 doses
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 1 dose on or after 1st birthday

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Grade 6

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose, not required until the student turns 11 years of age; a dose of Tdap received at 7 years of age or older will meet this requirement
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday

Grade 7

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- **MenACWY:** 1 dose meningococcal vaccine

Grade 8

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- **MenACWY:** 1 dose meningococcal vaccine

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Grade 9

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- **MenACWY:** 1 dose meningococcal vaccine

Grade 10

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose
- **IPV:** 4 doses (*unless 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older*)
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday, must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 2 doses, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday

Grades 11 - 12

- **DTaP:** 3 doses
- **Tdap:** 1 dose
- **IPV:** 3 doses
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses, 1st dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
Or, 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (**Recombivax**) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age
- **MMR:** 2 doses measles vaccine, 1 dose of mumps and rubella vaccines; 1st dose on or after 1st birthday; must have 28 days between doses 1 and 2 of measles vaccine
- **Varicella:** 1 dose on or after 1st birthday
- **MenACWY:** 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine for grade 12 only, minimal interval between doses is 8 weeks, Minimum age for 2nd dose is 16 years of age. If 2nd dose received before 16 years of age, a 3rd dose on or after 16 years of age is required.
(1 dose MenACWY if 1st dose received no more than 4 days before 16 years of age)

Acceptable Proofs of Immunizations

Health care practitioner record, signed by practitioner licensed in New York State.

Records acceptable without a signature: NYSIIS Record; Official registry from another State; Electronic health record; School health record, (*must be transferred directly from one school to another*); Official record from a foreign nation

Diagnosis of Disease as Evidence of Immunity

ONLY allowed for varicella. Must be diagnosed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.

Serological Evidence of Immunity

Allowed for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and poliomyelitis (*all three serotypes must be positive. Testing for all three polio serotypes is no longer available in the United States.*)

Medical Exemptions

A student may attend school without the required immunizations if they have a medical exemption. Bethlehem Central School District requests that the following form be completed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in NYS certifying that the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health. It must contain sufficient information to identify a medical contraindication to a specific immunization, and specifying the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf> . This form will then be reviewed by the school physician to determine if additional documentation is required. **A medical exemption must be reissued annually.**

Religious Exemptions

Parent/guardians who have religious reasons for not immunizing their child should contact their child's Principal and/or School Nurse for further guidance on required documentation.

References

New York State Education Department, **Informational Immunization Materials for Parents**

<https://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/EdMaterialsImmunReligiousExempt.html>

New York State Education Department, **Immunization Guidelines for School**

https://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/9_8_2015IMMUNIZATIONGUIDELINESFORSCHOOLS2.pdf

Albany County Department of Health, **Immunization Program**

<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/DepartmentofHealth/ProgramsandServices/ImmunizationProgram.aspx>