

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Immunization Requirements for Entry Into Florida state schools 7th – 12th grades

The Florida Law is requiring that students entering seventh through twelfth-grades receive a very specific form of the “Tetanus” vaccine. This vaccine is referred to as the **Tdap** (Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines). This requirement is in addition to the previous immunization requirements that are age-appropriate. Recommendations for provision of the Tdap vaccine are in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Documentation from the student’s health care provider should specify that the student has received the Tdap vaccine on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form).

Students who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical contraindications must present a permanent medical exemption from the medical provider on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form). Students that have a religious exemption must provide the DH 681 that can be obtained at the Health Department.

Three additional vaccines are not mandated, but parents are encouraged to discuss them with their child’s physician. These are: the meningococcal meningitis vaccine, Hepatitis A series, and the HPV vaccine series (now approved for both males and females).

Additional Immunization Recommendations:

Four vaccines which are not mandated for your child’s grade level, but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) should be discussed with your health care provider are: meningococcal meningitis, hepatitis A series, Influenza and Human Papilloma (HPV) Vaccine series.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

A dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) is recommended for children and adolescents 11-18 years of age. This vaccine is 85-90% effective in preventing meningococcal disease. Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by bacteria. The disease is spread by airborne respiratory droplets (cough or sneezes). Symptoms of meningococcal disease are often mistaken for less serious illnesses such as the flu. Common symptoms may include: fever greater than 101.4, red to purple colored rash, nausea, vomiting, generalized muscle aches, severe headaches, confusion, sensitivity to light, and/or stiff neck. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years old in the United States. The vaccine is available at the department of health, Hillsborough County, if it is not provided by your child's healthcare provider's office. For those who have never gotten MCV4, a dose is recommended at high school entry but not required in the State of Florida. Most colleges and universities require this vaccine. Please check the college or university policy you plan to attend. In addition, this is highly recommended if you are living in a dormitory type of residence. MCV4 is contraindicated to anyone that experience a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to any components of vaccines.

Human Papilloma Virus Disease

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) cause the majority of genital warts, and cancers. HPV vaccine has been shown to protect against 80% of the most common types of cervical cancer and oral cancers and decrease genital warts. While it is recommended for ages 11-12 years of

age, this vaccine has been approved for both males and females beginning at nine years of age. The most frequent reported symptoms of HPV vaccine are chronic pain with paresthesia, headaches, fatigue and orthostatic intolerance.

If you have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid, contact your Physician or Health Care Provider. If you do not have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid contact the Florida Department of Health, Hillsborough County Immunization Clinic for further information.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Sulphur Springs Health Center

8605 N. Mitchell, Tampa

813-307-8077

ESCUELAS PÚBLICAS DEL CONDADO DE HILLSBOROUGH

SERVICIOS DE SALUD ESCOLAR

Requisitos de Vacunas para Ingresar a las Escuelas en el Estado de Florida 7.º – 12.º GRADOS

El Departamento de Salud de Florida está requiriendo que los estudiantes que ingresan a séptimo y duodécimo grado, reciban una vacuna específica contra el “tétano”. Esta vacuna se conoce como *Tdap* (combinación de vacunas contra el tétano, la difteria y la tos ferina). Este es un requisito más de vacunación además de los ya solicitados con anterioridad y que son adecuados para la edad. Las recomendaciones para suministrar la vacuna *Tdap* están de acuerdo con las provistas por el Comité Asesor sobre las Prácticas de Vacunaciones (ACIP).

La documentación del proveedor de atención médica del estudiante debe especificar en el Certificado de Inmunización de Florida (formulario 680) que el estudiante ha recibido la vacuna *Tdap*.

Los estudiantes que no pueden recibir la vacuna debido a contraindicaciones médicas deben presentar una exención médica permanente del proveedor médico en el Certificado de Inmunización de Florida (formulario 680). Los estudiantes que tienen una exención religiosa deben presentar el DH 681 que se puede obtener en el Departamento de Salud.

Hay otras tres vacunas que no son obligatorias, pero se recomienda a los padres que las consulten con el médico de su hijo. Estas son: la vacuna contra la meningitis meningocócica, la serie de la hepatitis A y la serie de la vacuna contra el VPH (ahora aprobada para hombres y mujeres).

Recomendaciones adicionales de vacunación:

Las cuatro vacunas que no son obligatorias para el nivel de grado de su hijo, pero que son recomendadas por el Comité Asesor sobre Prácticas de Inmunización (ACIP) y deberán ser discutidas con su proveedor de atención médica son: la meningitis meningocócica, la serie de la hepatitis A, la gripe y la serie de la vacuna contra el papiloma humano (VPH).

ENFERMEDAD MENINGOCÓCICA

Se recomienda una dosis de la vacuna meningocócica para niños y jóvenes de 11 a 18 años de edad. Esta vacuna es de 85-90% efectiva en la prevención de la enfermedad meningocócica. Dicha enfermedad es grave y es causada por una bacteria. La enfermedad se propaga por medio de gotitas respiratorias en el aire (tos o estornudos). Los síntomas de la enfermedad meningocócica, a menudo se confunden con enfermedades menos graves como la gripe. Los síntomas comunes pueden incluir: fiebre superior a 101.4, erupción de color rojo a púrpura, náuseas, vómitos, dolor muscular generalizado, fuertes dolores de cabeza, confusión, sensibilidad a la luz y/o rigidez del cuello. Es una de las principales causas de la meningitis bacteriana en niños de 2 a 8 años en los Estados Unidos. La vacuna está disponible en el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Hillsborough, si no es provista por el consultorio del médico de su hijo(a). Para aquellos quienes nunca han recibido la MCV4, se recomienda una dosis al entrar a la escuela secundaria pero no se requiere en el Estado de Florida. La mayoría de los colegios universitarios y universidades requieren esta vacuna. Por favor, verifique las políticas del colegio universitario o universidad a la que piensa asistir. Además, esto es muy recomendable si vive en una residencia tipo dormitorio. La *MCV4* está contraindicada para cualquier persona que experimenta una reacción alérgica severa después de la dosis previa o a cualquier componente de las vacunas.

Enfermedad del Virus del Papiloma Humano

El Virus del Papiloma Humano, VPH causa la mayoría de las verrugas genitales y cánceres. Se ha demostrado que la vacuna del VPH protege contra el 80% de los tipos de cánceres más comunes de cuello uterino y de cánceres orales, además de disminuir las verrugas. Aunque se recomienda para las edades entre 11 a 12 años de edad, esta vacuna ha sido aprobada para hombres como para mujeres, a partir de los 9 años de edad. Los síntomas reportados más a menudo de la vacuna contra el VPH son dolor crónico con parestesia, dolores de cabeza, fatiga e intolerancia ortostática.

Si usted tiene un seguro de salud privado o *Medicaid*, comuníquese con su médico o proveedor de cuidados de salud. Si usted no tiene seguro de salud privado o *Medicaid*, llame al Departamento de Salud de Florida, Clínica de Vacunaciones del Condado de Hillsborough, para recibir más información.

DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD DE FLORIDA
CLINICA DE VACUNACION DEL CONDADO DE HILLSBOROUGH
Centro de Salud *Sulphur Springs* 8605 N. Mitchell, Tampa 813-307-8077

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Immunization Resources:

BayCare Kids Mobile Medical Clinic

By St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

Friday, June 20 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Metropolitan Ministries - Family Support Center - West Pasco

3216 US-19

Holiday FL ,34691

Cost: Free

BayCare Kids Mobile Medical Clinic provides pediatric health care at no cost to families and includes:

- Sick care
- Physical exams, including hearing and vision screenings
- Immunizations
- Child development screenings (ages 2 months to 5 years)
- Assistance with applying for health insurance for families

[Terms of Participation](#)

REGISTRATION

BayCare Kids Mobile Medical Clinic

By St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

Monday, June 9 | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Metropolitan Ministries - Family Support Center

2301 N Tampa St

Tampa FL ,33602

Cost: Free

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BayCare KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic Back to School Clinic

By St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
Saturday, July 26 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sun City Center United Methodist Church
1971 Haverford Ave
Sun City Center FL ,33573
Cost: Free

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- Physical exam for school entry
- Immunizations
- Hearing and vision screenings

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BayCare Kids Mobile Medical Clinic

By St. Joseph's Children's Hospital
Monday, June 23 | 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Metropolitan Ministries - Family Support Center
2301 N Tampa St
Tampa FL ,33602
Cost: Free

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BayCare KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic Back to School Clinic

By St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

Monday, August 11 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Metropolitan Ministries - Family Support Center

2301 N Tampa St

Tampa FL 33602

Cost: Free

BayCare Kids Mobile Medical Clinic provides pediatric health care at no cost to families and includes:

- Physical exam for school entry
- Immunizations
- Hearing and vision screenings

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REGISTRATION

Helping and to specify which location:

- **Lennard High School –**
 - **Address:** 2342 E. Shell Point Rd Ruskin FL 33570
 - **Date/ Time:** Saturday, July 12th, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Project LINK –**
 - **Address:** 1315 West Spruce St. Tampa, FL 33607
 - **Date/Time:** Saturday, July 19th, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Pizzo K-8 School –**
 - **Address:** 11701 USF Bull Run Dr., Tampa, FL 33617
 - **Date/Time:** Saturday, July 26th, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Middleton High School –**
 - **Address:** 4801 N 22nd St, Tampa, FL 33610
 - **Date/Time:** Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Dover Elementary School –**
 - **Address:** 3035 Nelson Avenue, Dover, FL 33527
 - **Date/Time:** Saturday, August 9th, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **South University –**
 - **Address:** 4401 N. Himes Ave, Suite #175 Tampa, FL 33614
 - **Date/Time:** Saturday, August 16th, 2025 / 9:00am - 12:00pm

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Federal Qualified Health Clinics for Hillsborough County

If you have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid, contact your Physician or Health Care Provider for an appointment. If you do not have Private Health Insurance or Medicaid, contact one of the listed Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Hillsborough County or contact the Hillsborough County Health Department Immunization Clinic for further resources.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Sulphur Springs Health Center
8605 N. Mitchell, Tampa, Fl.
(813)307-8077

Tampa Family Health Centers

Appt Line all (813)397-5300

Call for an appointment, Appt Line will match family up with best location.

For more info go to website: www.tampachc.com/

7814 N Dale Mabrey Hwy	Tampa, FL 33614
3901 S Westshore Blvd.	Tampa, FL 33611
1502 E Fowler Ave	Tampa, FL 33612
6216 E Sligh Ave	Tampa, FL 33617
302 W Fletcher Ave	Tampa, FL 33612
5611 N Nebraska Ave	Tampa, FL 33604
4620 N 22nd St.	Tampa, FL 33610
7602 Causeway Blvd	Tampa, FL 33619
5611 Sheldon Rd	Tampa, FL 33615

Suncoast Community Health Centers

Appt Line all (813)653-6100

Call for an appointment, Appt Line will match family up with best location.

For more info go to website: www.suncoast-chc.org/

Brandon Community Health Center	313 S Lakewood Dr	Brandon, FL 33511
Ruskin Community Health Center	2814 14th Ave	Ruskin, FL 33570
Palm River Community Health Center	7728 Palm River Rd	Tampa, FL 33619
SCHC Pediatrics	502 N Mobley St.	Plant City, FL 33563
Tom Lee Community Health Center	14254 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd	Dover, FL 33527

Wimauma Community Health Center	5121 State Rd. 674	Wimauma, FL 33598
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FREE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN

It's a New Day in Public Health. The Florida Department of Health works to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts.

Hillsborough County
(813) 307-8000
8605 N Mitchell Ave,
Tampa, FL 33604
Fax (813) 273-3721

During the period of July through August limited appointment times are available for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 12 to bring immunizations up to date for school entry. If your child has received vaccines in Hillsborough County or the State of Florida within the last year, you may be eligible for an appointment to bring your child up to date on immunizations. Your child must already be registered within the FLSHOTS system to take advantage of these appointments. Please contact 813-307-8077 to determine appointment availability and location. Walk in immunization services continue for childhood immunizations and are available Monday-Friday at 8605 N Mitchell Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Services are provided on a first come, first serve basis and will be provided within staffing levels. Doors open at 7:30AM.

Parents are required to bring their photo identification and child's immunization records. Individuals requesting Religious Exemptions need to apply in person at 8605 N Mitchell Ave, Tampa, FL 33604 and bring child birth certificate and parent/guardian ID.

The Immunization Program promotes and protects the public's health through reduction and eventual elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases by providing vaccine administration, education on receiving timely immunizations, surveillance and monitoring.

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

The VFC Program offers vaccines at no cost for eligible children. Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- ☐ Medicaid-eligible
- ☐ Uninsured
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska native
- ☐ Underinsured

Parents should bring identification and insurance card visit. Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for VFC vaccines. Children enrolled in the Florida KidCare Program, including Medi Kids and the Healthy Kids program, are insured and therefore not eligible to receive VFC vaccines.

Please note: If your child has a pediatrician that provides immunizations, it is recommended that you take your child to their pediatrician for immunizations. Our operating hours are 7:30am to 4:00pm. Immunization services for children are on walk-in, first come first serve basis. We reserve the right to limit the number of children seen on a daily basis based upon staffing.

We offer morning (7:30A-11:00A) services only on the second Thursday and fourth Friday of each month.

We are closed on the following holidays or days of observation:

- ☐ New Year's Day
- ☐ Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ☐ Memorial Day
- ☐ Independence Day
- ☐ Labor Day
- ☐ Veterans' Day
- ☐ Thanksgiving Day
- ☐ Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- ☐ Christmas Day