

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

Immunization Requirements for Entry Into Florida state schools  
7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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