

GCCISD Immunization Requirements for School Entrance / Continuance

Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine ¹ (DTP/ DTaP/ DT/ Td/ Tdap)

Five doses of any combination DTaP/DTP unless 4th dose was given on or after fourth birthday.

Students 7 years or older:

- Three doses of any combination DTP/DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap vaccine.
- One dose of Td or Tdap required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT/Tdap.

Upon entry into 7th grade students are required to have one Tdap vaccine if it has been 5 years since the last tetanus containing vaccine. Td is acceptable if there is a contraindication to the pertussis vaccine.

Polio (IPV)

Four doses unless the 3rd dose was on or after fourth birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella ^{1,7,11} (MMR)

Two doses of the MMR vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 years or entry into kindergarten.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV7)

The age of the child when the first dose was administered affects the total number of required doses.

2 months-3 months One dose of pneumococcal vaccine

4 months-5 months Two doses of pneumococcal vaccine

6 months-11 months Three doses of pneumococcal vaccine

OR

Two doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 7 months through 11 months of age

12 months-23 months Four doses of pneumococcal vaccine with one dose on or after 12 months of age

OR

Three doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 7 months through 11 months of age, and at least one dose was administered on or after 12 months of age

OR

Two doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 12 months through 23 months of age

24 months-59 months One dose if a child is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and healthy

OR

If a child is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and at high risk*, two doses are required

***Physicians will determine if a child is high-risk and vaccinate accordingly.**

Haemophilus Influenzae (Hib)

Haemophilus influenza Type B vaccine is required for children under five years of age.

Hepatitis B ^{1,8,11}

Three doses are required. All doses must be documented with a specific month, date, and year. This includes doses given in the hospital at the time of birth.

Varicella (Chicken Pox) ^{1, 11, 12}

Two doses of Varicella vaccine are required for kindergarten and 7th grade entry. The first dose received on or after the first birthday and the second dose by age 5 years or entry into kindergarten or 7th grade.

Meningococcal ¹

One dose required upon entry into the 7th grade.

Hepatitis A ^{1, 11}

Two doses of Hepatitis A are required for entry into preschool programs for children with disabilities (PPCD), pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. The first dose must be received after one year of age and the second dose at least 6 months later.

Tuberculosis (TB)

Tuberculosis skin testing is required only for those students who meet the Texas Department of Health criteria for the need. Goose Creek CISD requires a TB questionnaire be given to the parents of students for completion and then reviewed by the school nurses upon enrollment. The definition of a new student is: all 4 year olds, all kindergarteners, first graders who are enrolling for the first time and all other new/returning students to the district.

¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

⁷ Two doses of MMR vaccine with the 1st dose on or after the 1st birthday. For the 2009-2010 school year, 7th- 12th grade students are required to have two doses of a measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine.

⁸ Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax ®) are acceptable for individuals 11-15 years of age. Dosage and type of vaccine **must** be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax ®)

¹¹ Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.

¹² Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine."

* The phase in schedule can be found at www.immunizetexas.com.

Exemptions

The law allows (a) physician to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they can be excluded from attending school if an outbreak occurs.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at www.immunizetexas.com.

For children needing medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school nurse.

Provisional Enrollment

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

(a) A student can be enrolled provisionally for no more than 30 days if he/she transfers from one Texas school to another, and is awaiting the transfer of the immunization record.

(b) A dependent of a person who is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States can be enrolled provisionally for no more than 30 days if he/she transfers from one school to another and is awaiting the transfer of the immunization record.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel have validated it. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students in the Goose Creek School District must be immunized against certain diseases. Proof of immunization may be personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

Chapter §97.62 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) describes the conditions under which individuals can seek exemptions from Texas immunization requirements. Exclusions from compliance are allowable on an individual basis for medical contraindications, reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, and active duty with the armed forces of the United States.

If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a letter signed by a U.S. licensed physician that states that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization required would be harmful to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household. This letter must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a lifelong contraindication.

HARRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

Baytown Health Center

1000 Lee Drive

281- 427-5195

Immunization Schedule	Monday	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Friday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

FEES ARE INCOME-BASED ON A SLIDING SCALE

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