

New Vaccine Requirements for 2009-2010

Fact Sheet

Two new vaccine requirements were added to the school immunization law beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Each year additional grades are phased-in and eventually all grades will be covered. **The new requirements for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:**

Students in:

New Vaccines Required:

5 year old Kindergarten and Grades 1, 6, 7 and 12

2 doses chickenpox vaccine

- Not required if had chickenpox disease
- 2 grades added per year until all grades are covered in 2013-2014

Grade 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12

1 dose of Tdap

- Not required if had a vaccine with tetanus or diphtheria (e.g. DTap, Td, DT, TT) within 5 years of entering these grades
- 2 grades added per year until all grades covered in 2010-2011

Are there exceptions to the Tdap and Varicella requirements?

Yes, for Tdap vaccine, if a student received a tetanus-containing vaccine (e.g. Td vaccine) within 5 years of entering the 6th, 9th or 12th grade, the student is considered compliant and a Tdap booster is not required. The date of the Td vaccine booster should be written on the Student Immunization Record in the space provided and returned to school. For the Varicella vaccine, if a parent claims that a child has had chickenpox disease, even after the first dose of chickenpox vaccine, that child is not required to receive another vaccine and is compliant with the law.

Can the new vaccine requirements be waived?

Immunization requirements will be waived for children whose parents elect a religious or personal conviction waiver option on the Day Care Immunization Record or the Student Immunization Record form. A health waiver is also available and must be signed by a physician.

If you have questions about these new vaccine requirements, please contact Waukesha County Public Health Division at 262-896-8430 and ask for the Nurse Call Center.