

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION  
Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2014 - 15**

VACCINE	Number of Doses	Grades K-12 (5-18 Years of Age)
		<i>Vaccines administered ≤4 days before the minimum age are valid</i>
<b>Pertussis</b> <i>DTaP only licensed for students through 6 years of age</i>	5 to 6	5 <b>DTaP</b> (if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, the requirement is met). The final dose of DTaP must be administered no sooner than 4 years of age. 1 dose of <b>Tdap</b> is required for 6 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades.
<b>Tetanus/Diphtheria</b> <i>DT only licensed for students through 6 years of age</i>	3 to 5	5 <b>DT</b> (if dose 4 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, the requirement is met). If student is 7 yrs of age or older, must have 3 appropriately spaced tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccines (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap) – 4 wks between dose 1 & 2 and 6 months between dose 2 & 3.
<b>Polio (IPV)</b>	3 to 4	4 <b>IPV</b> (if dose 3 was administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, the requirement is met). Final dose must be given no sooner than 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday (BOH rule 7/1/2009). <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
<b>Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)</b> <i>1 dose of Rubella meets requirement</i>	2	2 <b>MMR</b> (1st dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday). 2 doses required for K through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade. 1 dose of rubella meets the requirement. <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b> <i>Documentation of disease from a health care provider (physician, RN or PA) is required.</i>	1 or 2	The 1 <sup>st</sup> dose cannot be administered more than 4 days before the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. 2 <b>VAR</b> are required for students K through 7 <sup>th</sup> grades. 1 <b>VAR</b> is required for 8 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades. <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>
<b>Hepatitis B</b> <i>Students who have not received 3 doses of Hep B vaccine prior to BOH rule 7/1/09, must follow the minimum intervals recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)</i>	3	<b>ACIP minimum intervals:</b> The second dose must be administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The third dose must be administered at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. The final dose is to be administered no sooner than 24 wks or 6 months of age. The 2-dose series is acceptable for ages 11-15. 2 doses can only be accepted using the approved vaccine for the 2-dose series with proper documentation (name of the vaccine, dosage, dates, and interval). <i>A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.</i>

**You must provide one of the following to your child's school in order to comply with the law:**

1. A completed Certificate of Immunization certifying that the student has received minimum immunizations as indicated above.
2. If a student's Certificate of Immunization is not up to date, the parent, guardian, or emancipated student has 14 days after notification to provide documentation that the next required immunization was administered and submit a written plan for completion of any additional required immunizations. If the plan is not completed, the student shall be expelled or suspended from school for non-compliance. Exception to this is a shortage of vaccine.
3. Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law printed on the reverse side of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Certificate of Immunization:
  - a) a **medical** exemption signed by licensed physician stating that the student's physical condition is such that immunizations would endanger life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated; or
  - b) a **religious** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief opposed to immunizations; or
  - c) a **personal** exemption signed by the parent, guardian, or emancipated student that the student adheres to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

**Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students.** Students who do not meet the requirements will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902.

**To learn where to obtain immunizations free or at low cost call the Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777.**

