

Minimum Health Requirements Prior to School Entry (Form MCH)*

By law in the State of Virginia, any child may be prevented from entering school if a physical examination and/or immunizations are not complete.

1. **Health History:** *Part I of MCH** Completed by parent/guardian.
2. **Immunizations:** *Part II of MCH** Immunizations do not have to be recorded on page 2 **if** they are recorded on another form with the name of the vaccine and the date it was administered. Immunization record must be signed by doctor, RN or health department official. Minimum requirements are listed below.
3. **Physical Examination:** *Part III of MCH** Form completed no more than 12 months prior to entry into elementary school. May accept physical examination from a doctor or nurse practitioner on form other than VA (MCH) if the *scope* of the exam is the same as the VA required one. Per VDOE, scope of out-of-state physical exams means it must include at a minimum: 1) the visit was a well child visit 2) a review of systems occurred 3) areas of concern and any medically necessary restrictions are noted and 4) signature of healthcare provider and date of exam.

Immunization	Minimum number required
DTaP, DTP, DT or Tdap	3 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday. If 6 doses before 4 th birthday no additional doses needed
Tdap Booster	Required prior to entry into 6 th , 7 th , 8 th or 9 th grade if >5 years since last tetanus
Polio (OPV or IPV)	3 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday
Hepatitis B	3 with at least 4 month spacing between 1 st and 3 rd doses
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**	2 MMRs or 2 Measles and 1 each of Mumps & Rubella Second MMR may be administered at pre-K physical.
Varicella (chicken pox)**	1 if born on or after 1/1/97; none required if history of disease reported

* MCH is the Commonwealth of Virginia School Health Entrance Form; current version is MCH-213 F

** First dose must be on or after 1st birthday

Exemptions to above requirements:

1. Family objects to immunizations and/or physical exam for religious reasons.
2. Family is homeless.
3. Student is medically exempt from immunizations – must have signature from physician stating reason for medical exemption and what time, if any, the exemption will be removed.
4. Student has had at least 1 of shot of each series and the minimum interval between shots has not been reached. Family must present a schedule for completion of all required series (catch-up).

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Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health
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Legal Name of Student: _____

Must have first set of shots before entering school.

Vaccine Shot	Description/Requirements	Number of Doses
DTaP DTP Tdap	Minimum of 3 doses. A child must have at least 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday. DT vaccine is required for children who are medically exempt from the pertussis containing vaccine. Effective 07/01/2006 a booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for entry into 6th grade. Students in grades 6 through 9 for SY 09/10 are required to have Tdap provided there has been at least 5 years since their last tetanus containing vaccine.	1 2 3
Polio IPV OPV	Minimum of 3 of all IPV or all OPV doses. One dose must be on or after 4 th birthday. A fourth dose is required for if the primary series consisted of a combination of OPV and IPV.	1 2 3
Hib	Required ONLY for children up to 60 months. 2 to 3 doses depending on manufacturer. Unvaccinated children between ages 16 and 60 months are only required to have 1 dose.	1 2 3
Hepatitis B	3 doses. 2 dose schedule ONLY for adolescents 11 – 15 only when Merck Brand <i>RECOMBOVAX HB Adult Formulation</i> is used and documented.	1 2 3
Measles Mumps Rubella	Minimum 2 measles 1 Mumps 1 Rubella Usually given as MMR. 1 st dose must be at or after 12 months of age. 2 nd dose usually administered at age 4 to 6 prior to entry into kindergarten but can be given 28 days after the first dose.	1 2 1 1
Varicella Chickenpox	Minimum 1 dose for all susceptible (not had natural chicken pox) children born on or after January 1, 1997	1
HPV	Effective Oct. 1, 2008 3 doses for females, 1 st dose prior to 6 th grade. Parents, at their sole discretion, may elect for their child to not receive this vaccine.	1 2 3
Physical Examination	Certificate of physical exam from licensed, qualified healthcare provider (MCH 213 F) within 12 months of entry into primary school (K – 5). May accept out-of-state physical exam provided it is of the same scope as that required by VA (MCH 213 F) Required for grades K – 5.	

Missing immunizations: _____

Documentation of the missing immunization(s) must be provided to the school.