



# BENSALEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

### ***PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS IS REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOL***

***Diphtheria and Tetanus*** – 3 or more properly spaced doses of DTP, DTaP, Td, or DT as well as a 4<sup>th</sup> dose administered **on or after** the fourth birthday.

***Polio*** – 3 or more properly spaced doses of polio vaccine.

***Measles (Rubeola)*** – 2 properly spaced doses of measles vaccine (preferably MMR) administered at 12 months or older.

***German measles (Rubella)*** – 1 dose of rubella (preferably MMR) administered at 12 months or older.

***Mumps*** – 2 doses of mumps (preferably MMR) administered at 12 months or older.

***Hepatitis B*** – 3 properly spaced doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

***Varicella*** – 2 properly spaced doses of Varicella vaccine or history of the disease.

Children cannot attend school unless they have 1 dose of DT, polio, measles, German measles, mumps, hepatitis B and varicella.

Children attending 7<sup>th</sup> grade need the following immunizations in addition to those already listed above:

***Tdap*** – 1 dose (if 5 years has elapsed since the last tetanus immunization)

***Meningococcal*** – 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

If a child had the measles or rubella before 12 months of age and the parent does not want to repeat the immunization, they must present evidence of a positive measles/rubella serology.

Written diagnosis of mumps disease by a physician will be accepted as proof of immunity to mumps.

***All immunizations/vaccinations must be completed within 8 months of enrollment in any school in the state of Pennsylvania. Students will be considered provisionally enrolled until immunizations/vaccinations are completed. If after 8 months, a student remains provisional, the student will NOT be permitted to attend school as per PA state school code and will be able to return to school once the school nurse has received a complete updated immunization/vaccination record meeting all state requirements.***

## **EXEMPTIONS**

**Medical** – Children need not be immunized if a physician (M.D. or D.O.) provides a written statement that immunization may be detrimental to the health of the child. If an exemption is for a specific antigen(s), this should be indicated in the statement or exemption. All other immunizations will still be required.

**Religious** – Children need not be immunized if the parent, guardian or emancipated child objects in writing to the immunization on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief.