



The school nurses at PALCS maintain health records for all students as required by Pennsylvania School Code.

At Registration, an **Immunization record** is required. Please see required school [Vaccines](#) or contact PALCS Nurses with questions.

An Immunization record is not a Physical report. A Physical is required to be turned into PALCS Nurses within the school year of grades Kindergarten, 6th and 11th

*The following mandates from the Pennsylvania Department of Health are for all public school children (regardless of setting) School Nurses are required to collect health screenings, physical exams, and dental exams as indicated. Cyber School Nurses accomplish this through an *Annual Health Record' completed by your child's Healthcare Provider yearly regardless of grade*

- **Physical Exams** – KINDERGARTEN, 6th and 11th grade
- **Dental Exams** - KINDERGARTEN, 3rd and 7th grade
- **Hearing Screening** - KINDERGARTEN through 3rd, 7th and 11th grade
- **Vision Screening**- KINDERGARTEN through 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade
- **Scoliosis screening** - 6th and 7th grade
- ***Annual Health Record** – Grades 1-5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12. (**If submitting a new Physical Exam report yearly, this does not need to be completed*)

Additional Health Resources:

[Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)

[Physical Form](#)

[Dental Form](#)

[Annual Form](#)

[Magnus](#) (Our new Nurse/Parent Medical Data Base being launched 8/16/2021)

Questions? Contact your child's school nurse:

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PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations beginning in August 2017. The regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases.

Admission for ALL children in ALL Grades (K-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:

- DTAP** 4 Doses (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)
1 dose on or after 4th birthday
- IPV** 4 Doses (polio)
4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- Hep B** 3 Doses
3rd dose on or after 24 weeks of age
- MMR** 2 Doses (measles, mumps and rubella)
- VAR** 2 Doses (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity (had disease)

7TH through 12TH Grade need additional immunization requirements for attendance:

- MCV** 2 Doses (meningococcal conjugate)
First dose is given 11-15 years of age; a second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade
If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
- TDAP** 1 Dose (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)



A CHILD MUST HAVE REQUIRED VACCINES OR RISK EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.
A child must have the required medically-appropriate vaccines or a plan to complete those vaccines or risk exclusion from school. A child may still obtain medical, religious or philosophical exemption from meeting the immunization requirements. Talk to your child's pediatrician about the vaccines your child needs to attend school.

Exemptions to the school laws for immunizations are:

MEDICAL REASONS • RELIGIOUS BELIEFS • PHILOSOPHICAL/STRONG MORAL OR ETHICAL CONVICTION

A waiver signed by parent must be documented and kept with student's records.

If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

VACCINE SAFETY Vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety
The United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in history
Vaccines are continually monitored for safety and effectiveness

Contact your health care provider or the PA Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)
Vaccine information can be found at www.dontwaitvaccinate.pa.gov