



## **SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS**

### **FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING VACCINATIONS:**

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\*  
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

\* Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td

\*\* A 4<sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

\*\*\* Usually given as MMR

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, unless a child has a documented medical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion

Gwynedd-Mercy Academy Elementary follows the policy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (#S 305) with regard to immunization exemptions:

“The policy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with respect to vaccinations, requires all children to be vaccinated against a wide variety of diseases. Exceptions are not granted, except for medical reasons.”

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**, unless the child has a medical exemption, the child must have the following vaccines or risk exclusion.

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade

### **FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. (If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth dose.)

***\*The vaccines required for entrance, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades continue to be required in each succeeding school year.***

*Even if your child is medically exempt from immunizations, he /she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.*

*Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.*