

***Fox Chapel Area School District***  
**NOTICE OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS**  
**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless exempted for religious or medical reasons or permitted provisional attendance by the Superintendent or designee, all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade must provide proof of immunization.

**Required Blood Lead Level Screening, for K**

(Please see following Allegheny County Health Department FAQ sheet)

The Pennsylvania immunizations required for school entry are:

**Immunizations for Grades K-12**

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (1 dose after 4th birthday; usually given as DTaP or DTP or DT or Td)
- 4 doses of polio (4th dose after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (usually given as MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) or a written statement from physician/ designee indicating month and year of disease or serologic proof of immunity

**Immunizations for Grades 7-12 Additional immunization requirements**

- 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
  - o First dose is given 11-15 years of age;
  - o A second dose is required at age 16 or entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
- 1 dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap, given as Adacel or Boostrix)

Proof of immunization must be presented when enrolling in school. Immunization information can be obtained from your family doctor or former school district.

Immunizations that are required for school are available from the Allegheny County Health Department to children that are uninsured, have Medicaid or are an American Indian or Alaskan native. Call 412/578-8060 for time and location. Any further questions may be addressed to the Certified School Nurse in the building to which your child is assigned.

Parents should notify the school nurse of any immunizations (booster shots) given to the student during the school years. Updated Tetanus information is extremely important if your child becomes injured.

**STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL  
WITH THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS**

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**BLOOD LEAD LEVEL TEST FROM**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**STUDENT ENTERING KINDERGARTEN ONLY**

Unless exempted for religious or medical reasons, all children are required to have their blood lead level tested prior to entry into kindergarten or before they are 6 years old, whichever is sooner.

Please bring documentation from your health care provider.

**Universal Blood Level Testing Regulation**

This regulation mandates that all children in Allegheny County be tested for lead exposure between 9 and 12 months of age and again at 24 months, effective January 1, 2018.

This regulation applies to all children in Allegheny County under the age of 6.

Children who are not tested before 24 months old should be tested before the age of 6 or entry into kindergarten, whichever is sooner.

Parents should request the testing from their child's pediatric provider or family doctor. Beginning in 2018, Allegheny County Health Department facilities will be offering testing for un- or underinsured families. Please call 412-687-2243 for more information.

**Allegheny County Reporting Requirements**

Allegheny County School Districts are required to collect this information and report annually to the Allegheny County Health Department:

- The number of children entering kindergarten at the school.
- The number of children entering kindergarten who have had their blood lead level tested.
- The number of children entering kindergarten who did not have their blood lead level testing due to medical exemption.
- The number of children entering kindergarten who did not have their blood lead level tested due to medical exemptions or exemptions on religious grounds or on the basis of a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious believe in writing.