

Stewardship of the Body
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“I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made” (Ps. 139)

Immunizations for School Age Children

While stocking up on school supplies and school clothes for the coming school year, don't forget to take measures to protect your child's health.

Immunizations Required by the State of ND

| Vaccine | Grade | Required doses |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT, Td) | K-5 | 5 4 (if the 4 th dose is given on/after 4 th birthday) |
| Tdap | 6 | 1 (11-12 yr. olds entering middle school) only if they have not had a tetanus vaccine in the past 5 yrs. |
| | 7-12 | None (catch-up vaccination recommended) |
| Polio | K-12 | 4 (minimum of 4 wks between doses) 3 (if 3 rd dose given on/after 4 th birthday) |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) | K-12 | 2 |
| Hepatitis B | K-8 | 3 |
| | 9-12 | None (catch-up vaccination recommended) |
| Bacterial Meningitis (MCV) | 6 | 1 (11-12 yr. olds entering middle school) |
| | 7-12 | None (catch-up vaccination recommended) |
| Chickenpox (Var) | K | 2 |
| | 1-4 | 1 (2 doses recommended) Children with a reliable history of chickenpox are exempt |
| | 5-12 | None (catch-up vaccination recommended) |

*Those printed in red are new for the 2008-2009 school year

Immunizations Not Yet Required

| Vaccine | Grade | Dose |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hepatitis A | K-12 | Recommended for children 12-23 months of age |
| Human Papillomavirus (HPV) | K-12 | Recommended for females 11-12 yrs. of age with catch-up for females ages 13-18 |
| Influenza | K-12 | Recommended for children 6 mo.- 18 yrs. |

For more information, contact your physician or nurse practitioner

References: CDC Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule
ND Dept of Health
Greater Grand Forks Immunization Coalition