

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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203-AR-0. 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 or immunity for the following diseases prior to being admitted to and attending district schools:

Required For Attendance (K-12)

Diphtheria – four (4) or more properly spaced doses which may be administered as a single antigen or in a combination form. The fourth dose will be administered on or after the fourth birthday.

German measles (Rubella) – one (1) dose administered at twelve (12) months of age or older, or documented immunity provided from a test conducted by a certified laboratory. Each dose may be administered as a single antigen or in a combination form.

Hepatitis B – three (3) properly spaced doses, or a two (2) dose vaccine regimen approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or documented immunity through a laboratory test. The vaccine may be administered as a single antigen or in a combination form.

Measles (Rubeola) – two (2) properly spaced doses with the first dose administered at twelve (12) months of age or older, or documented immunity provided from a test conducted by a certified laboratory. Each dose may be administered as a single antigen or in a combination form.

Mumps – two (2) properly spaced doses administered at twelve (12) months of age or older, or documented immunity signed by a physician or his/her designee. Vaccines may be administered as a single antigen or in combination form.

Poliomyelitis – three (3) or more properly spaced doses of an oral polio vaccine or enhanced inactivated polio vaccine which may be administered as a single antigen or in a combination form.

Tetanus – Four (4) or more properly spaced doses which may be administered as a single antigen or in combination form. The fourth dose will be administered on or after the fourth birthday.

Varicella (Chickenpox) – two (2) properly spaced doses with the first dose administered at twelve (12) months of age or older which may be administered as a single antigen or in combination form. Immunity may be evidenced by a laboratory test or by a written statement of the parent/guardian or physician.

Required For Entry Into 7th Grade/School Year When Student Turns Twelve (12) Years Of Age

In addition to those required for attendance in K through 12, the following immunizations are required for entry into 7th grade or, in an ungraded class, in the school year when the student turns twelve (12) years of age:

1. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) – one (1) dose if at least five (5) years have elapsed since the last dose of a vaccine containing tetanus and diphtheria. Tdap may be administered as a single antigen vaccine or in a combination form.
2. Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV) – one (1) dose which may be administered as a single antigen or in combination form.

Grace Period

A vaccine dose administered within the four (4) day period prior to the minimum age for the vaccination or prior to the end of the minimum interval between doses will be considered a valid dose of the vaccine. A vaccine dose administered more than four (4) days prior to the minimum age or interval will be considered invalid, and the dose will have to be repeated.

Proof Of Immunizations

Prior to or at school registration, parents/guardians will be informed in writing of the requirement to provide proof of immunizations.

School staff who register students for enrollment in district schools will ensure that the required written proof and dates of immunizations are received for each student prior to being admitted to district schools.

Proof of a record of immunization includes the following:

1. Physician's record.
2. Baby book.
3. School health record.
4. Family Bible.
5. Health Passport.
6. Other states' official immunization documents.

7. International Health Certificate.
8. Immigration records.
9. Similar documents or history.

District staff will maintain an Immunization Record for each student enrolled in district schools.

Provisional Attendance

State regulations require that any student who has not completed the full series of required immunizations and has not been exempted from immunization for medical or religious reasons will not be permitted to attend district schools.

Upon written request of the parents/guardians, the building principal may permit a student to attend school if the parents/guardians can provide proof that the student has received at least one (1) dose of each of the required antigens. The parents/guardians also must submit a plan for completion of the required immunizations, which will be made a part of the student's health record.

The building principal or designee will review the submitted plan for completion of immunizations for the student every sixty (60) days.

Subsequent immunizations will be entered on the student's Immunization Record by school personnel, upon submission of proof by the parents/guardians.

The student will be permitted up to eight (8) months to receive the remaining doses and complete the full series of immunizations while attending district schools.

If after eight (8) months the provisionally admitted student has not completed the full series of immunizations, the building principal will notify the parents/guardians in writing that the student will not be permitted to continue attending district schools, effective immediately.

Reporting Immunization Data

The designated district administrator will report immunization data to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year, using forms provided by the Department of Health.

Duplicate reports will be submitted to the county health department if the school is located in a county with a full-time health department.

The school administrator or the administrator's designee will ensure that the school's identification information, including the name of the school, school district, county and school address, is correct, and shall make any necessary corrections, prior to submitting the report.

Content of the reports must include the following information:

1. The month, day and year of the report.
2. The number of students attending school in each grade level, or in an ungraded school in each age group, as indicated on the reporting form.
3. The number of doses of each individual antigen given in each grade level, or in an ungraded school, in each age group, as indicated on the reporting form.
4. The number of students attending school who were classed as religious exemptions in each grade level, or in an ungraded school, in each age group, as indicated on the reporting form.
5. The number of students provisionally admitted in each grade level or, in an ungraded school, in any age group as indicated on the reporting form.
6. The number of students in each grade level who were denied admission because of the student's inability to qualify for provisional admission or, in an ungraded school, in each age group as indicated on the reporting form.
7. Other information as required by the Department of Health.