



March 25, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the 2023-24 school year, the following vaccines are required for children entering kindergarten through ninth grade:

- All students entering kindergarten must have had two varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. This also includes first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade student entries new to the county.
- All students entering seventh grade must have had one Tdap vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination. This also includes eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade student entries new to the county.

These new vaccinations are in addition to the current school vaccine requirements.

According to the *Maryland Vaccine Requirements for Children*, students must be vaccinated in order to be allowed in school. You should work with your child's health care provider to get his/her vaccination record and to receive any vaccinations that are missing. Students who are not compliant with immunization records must be excluded from school on the first day of classes unless parents/guardians provide proof of a medical appointment with a health care provider or local health department for vaccinations within the ensuing 20 calendar days (30 days for military families).

If you are unable to get a vaccination appointment with your child's health care provider, please call Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Immunization Services at 410-222-4896.

If you have questions about vaccines that are required for school, please call your child's health care provider or the school nurse. When your child receives the above vaccinations, please provide a copy of the current vaccination record to the school nurse. **If your child has already received the required vaccinations, please provide a copy of your child's current vaccination record to the school nurse as soon as possible so that records are up to date before this school year ends.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Siska-Creel".

Karen Siska-Creel, R.N., M.S.N.  
Bureau Director, School Health and Support

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Sarah S. McDonald-Egan  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services

Anne Arundel County Department of Health

Anne Arundel County Public Schools



# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

According to Maryland (COMAR) regulations for the 2023-2024 school year, all students enrolled in preschool through twelfth grade must be in compliance with minimum vaccine requirements to enter school according to the Vaccine Requirements Chart shown below. **The requirements for kindergarten through twelfth grade are shown below. Ninth grade students have a new requirement noted with an asterisk (\*).** Additional immunizations may be recommended by your health care provider for good preventive health.

In order for your child to meet this requirement by the time school opens on August 28, 2023, you must bring to the school nurse a letter, note, shot record, or other written or computer-generated form signed by your physician or school official that shows the dates of the required immunizations (see below). For temporary admission, a parent/guardian must present **written documentation of a medical appointment with a physician or local health department within 20 calendar days (30 calendar days for military) of the student's start date.**

In addition, **foreign-born students and students living outside the U.S. in TB endemic countries for 12 months or more** must present documentation of a QuantiFERON Gold (QFT) or tuberculin skin test (TST) **administered in the U.S. before entering the Anne Arundel County Public School System; or administered in a U.S. military facility in a foreign country within 12 months of entering the U.S.**

**PLEASE NOTE! If the school has not received proof of the above requirements, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SCHOOL. Please bring proof to school as soon as possible.**

### VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS

(Per DHMH Code of Maryland Regulations {COMAR} 10.06.04.03)

PRESCHOOL AGE		DtaP/DT P DT/Td	Tdap	Meningo-coccal (MCV4)	Polio	Hib	MMR	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	PCV
24-59 months		4	0	0	3	1	1	1	3	1
60-71 months		4	0	0	3	0	2	1	3	0
<b>GRADE</b>	(Ungraded)									
<b>Kindergarten, Grades 1 - 6</b>	(5- 11 yrs.)	4 or 3 if 7 yrs. & older	0	0	3	0	2	2	3	0
<b>Grade 7, 8 &amp; 9*</b>	(11-13 yrs.)	4 or 3	1	1	3	0	2	<b>2*</b>	3	0
<b>Grades 10 – 12</b>	(12-18+ yrs.)	3	1	1	3	0	2	1 or 2 if >13 yrs	3	0

Children 18 years and under who are uninsured, underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines), Medical Assistance eligible, or American Indian, or Alaska native qualify for the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Children who qualify may visit Anne Arundel County Department of Health area health centers offering immunization services by appointment.

*Parent/ guardian should bring a copy of the child's shot record.*

**Glen Burnie Health Center**  
 416 A Street, S.W.  
 Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
**By appointment**  
 410-222-6633

**Parole Health Center**  
 1950 Drew Street  
 Annapolis, MD 21401  
**By appointment**  
 410-222-7247

For more information, please call your child's physician, your school nurse, area health center, School Health Services at 410-222-6838, or the Department of Health Immunization Services at 410-222-4896, or visit [www.ahealth.org](http://www.ahealth.org).