

Immunizations

Arizona State law ARS 15-871-874 requires that a complete, up-to-date immunization record be furnished by the parent prior to enrolling a child in school. Verification for all immunizations must include the child's name, birth date, type of vaccine, date of vaccine, and name of doctor/agency administering vaccine. Records must be signed or stamped by the agency providing the immunizations. The record should include the month, day, and year of your child's immunizations. A previous school record is also acceptable (does not include preschools). Record must be provided before school starts.

Children will be excluded from school without proof of immunizations. Please inform health office staff at your child's school of any immunizations received during the year so that the school records can be kept up-to-date. The immunization requirements for a child entering a school at BESD including preschool are:

- **DTAP/DTP/DT:** Four-five does at least one dose at 4 years of age or older is required. A 6th dose is needed if 5 doses have been given before 4 years of age.
- **Tdap:** A booster of Tdap is required for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are 11 years and older and have had 5 years pass since their last DTAP/DTP/Td.
- **Polio:** Four doses properly spaced, unless third dose was received after fourth birthday.
- **MMR:** Two doses after the age of 12 months, at least one month apart.
- **Hepatitis A:** Two doses required for Preschool and Day Care up to age 6.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses, properly spaced.
- **Varicella:** One dose after age 1 for Preschool - 5th grades, and 7th - 11th grades. If first dose is given at 13 years of age or later, two doses are required.
- **Meningococcal vaccine:** One dose at age 11 or in grades 6th-8th.

Arizona law ARS § 15-872 provides exemptions from immunization requirements for the following:

- Medical reasons - permanent or temporary
- Personal beliefs (does not apply to preschool)
- Documentation of adequate immunity

Although the law allows exemptions, if an outbreak of any of the diseases covered by required immunizations occurs, the Maricopa County Health Department may require that children who are not immunized be excluded from school for the duration of the outbreak.

Vaccine rules for Arizona see www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/

