

## Frequently Asked Questions

### School and Childcare Immunization Requirements

**Question: Where can I find a free or low cost immunization clinic?**

**Answer:** Visit <http://www.cir.org/immunizations.html> or call Community Information and Referral at 602-263-8856 or 1- 800-352-3792 from area codes 520 & 928.

**Question: Which immunizations are required for school and/or childcare attendance?**

**Answer:** 2010-2011 school, childcare, preschool and Head Start immunization requirements are posted at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/back2school.htm>.

**Question: Is meningococcal vaccine (MV/MCV) required for school?**

**Answer:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are 11 years or older must have proof of one dose of meningococcal vaccine by September 1, 2010.

**Question: Is Tdap required for school?**

**Answer:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are 11 years and older and who have not received a DTaP, DTP or Td dose in the last 5 years are required to have proof of one dose of Tdap by September 1, 2010.

Students 11 years and older in other grades are required to have proof of one dose of Tdap if 10 years have passed since their last dose of DTaP, DTP, or Td.

Students 11 years and older who are in the process of receiving their primary series of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine are also required to receive 1 Tdap as part of the series.

**Question: What if a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader is 10 when school starts, but turns 11 during the school year?**

**Answer:** When the student reaches age 11, he or she should be referred for meningococcal vaccine. The student should also be referred for Tdap if 5 or more years have passed since the last dose of DTaP, DTP, or Td.

**Question: Are two doses of Varicella (Chicken pox) vaccine required for school attendance?**

**Answer:** One dose of Varicella vaccine meets school requirements for all students except those who receive their first dose of Varicella vaccine at 13+ years of age. Only students who receive Varicella #1 at 13+ years of age are required to have 2 doses.

**Question: Where can I find an exemption form?**

**Answer:** The school exemption form is posted at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/school-exemption-form.pdf>

The childcare exemption form is posted at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/childcareexemption.pdf>

**Question: If a child's immunizations were not given on schedule, how do I know if the doses are valid and when are the next doses required?**

**Answer:** The minimum ages and intervals for valid vaccine doses are posted at <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2010.pdf>.

Intervals to meet school requirements are contained in age-specific documents posted at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/back2school.htm>.

A statement of Arizona's policy regarding the 4-day grace period is posted at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/pdf/4-dayGracePeriodAIPOStatement.pdf>

**Question: Where can I get a copy of the Emergency Information and Immunization Record Card?**

**Answer:** It is available at <http://teacherweb.com/AZ/TrinityLutheranSchool/Home/Emergency-Blue-Card.pdf>.