# Health Information
# State of Illinois Health Requirements — 2026-2027 School Year

Every student who will enter Pre-School, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, 6th Grade, and 9th Grade must meet the following requirements according to Illinois law (105 ILCS 5/27-8.5), based on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Minimum Immunization Requirements for 2026-2027.

DEADLINE: Students will NOT be able to attend school after October 15, 2026 until all required health information is received (unless a valid medical or religious exemption is on file).

**PRESCHOOL**

- New Physical Exam (done no more than 1 year before start of school)
- DTaP – 4 doses (3 doses by age 1, plus 1 additional dose by 2nd birthday)
- Polio – 3 doses (2 doses by age 1, plus 1 additional dose by 2nd birthday)
- Hib – proof of immunization complete per ACIP schedule (1 dose at 15 months or older if catching up between 24–59 months)
- MMR – at least 1 dose (on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 1 dose (on or after 1st birthday) or proof of having had the disease
- Hepatitis B – 3 doses, appropriately spaced
- Pneumococcal vaccine (PCV) – primary series per ACIP schedule, or 1 dose if catching up between 24–59 months
- Lead Screening – date & results, completed any time before Preschool
- Birth Certificate

**KINDERGARTEN (First Entry into School)**

- New Physical Exam (done no more than 1 year before start of school)
- New Dental Exam (Illinois form; due by May 15 of the following year, dated within 18 months of that deadline)
- New Eye Exam (Illinois form, dated within 1 year of the first day of school)
- DTaP – 5 doses (4-dose primary series plus booster on or after 4th birthday)
- Polio – 4 doses (booster must be on or after 4th birthday)
- MMR – 2 doses, both after 1st birthday, at least 4 weeks apart
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses, first on or after 1st birthday, at least 4 weeks apart, or proof of having had the disease
- Hepatitis B – 3 doses (recommended review; not required for grades K–5 unless catching up)
- Lead Screening – date & results, completed any time before Preschool/Kindergarten entry
- Birth Certificate

**2ND GRADE**
• New Dental Exam (Illinois form; due by May 15, dated within 18 months of that deadline)

**6TH GRADE**
• New Physical Exam (done no more than 1 year before school starts; sports physical NOT accepted)
• New Dental Exam (Illinois form; due by May 15, dated within 18 months of that deadline)
• Tdap – 1 dose (at age 11 or older, regardless of interval since last DTP/DTaP/Td dose)
• Hepatitis B – 3 doses (required starting 6th grade)
• Varicella – 2 doses (all grade levels)
• Meningococcal (MenACWY) – 1 dose, on or after 11th birthday
⚠ UPDATED: Meningococcal is now required starting in 6th grade (through 11th grade), not first at 9th grade as previously listed.

**9TH GRADE**
• New Physical Exam (done no more than 1 year before school starts; sports physical NOT accepted)
• New Dental Exam
• Meningococcal – confirm 1 dose is on file (required since 6th grade entry, on or after 11th birthday)

**12TH GRADE**
• Meningococcal – 2 doses total: second dose on or after 16th birthday and at least 8 weeks after the first dose. Only 1 dose is required if the first dose was given on or after the 16th birthday.

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN** (catch-up / transfer students)

• DTaP/Td – 4 or more doses, with the last dose a booster on or after the 4th birthday. Children age 7+ should receive Tdap or Td instead of DTP/DTaP per the ACIP catch-up schedule.
• Tdap – Children entering 6th–12th grade must show proof of 1 dose regardless of last Td/DT.
• Polio – 4 doses (progressive requirement now applies through grade 9 for 2026-2027), last dose on or after 4th birthday. Grades 9–12 (if not previously covered): 3 or more doses, last dose on or after 4th birthday.
• MMR – 2 doses required for any grade level, K–12.
• Hepatitis B – 3-dose series required for all students 6th grade and older, appropriately spaced (at least 4 weeks between doses 1–2, at least 8 weeks between

doses 2–3, at least 16 weeks between doses 1–3).
• Varicella – 1 dose on or after 1st birthday for students entering 1st–5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, or 11th grade, or a statement from a physician/health care provider verifying the child had the disease. (Note: current statewide requirement is 2 doses for all grade levels — confirm with IDPH/school nurse for any grade-specific transition rules.)
• Meningococcal – 1 dose for students entering grades 6–11 (on/after 11th birthday); 2 doses for students entering 12th grade (see above).

**Immunizations are available through the Ogle County Health Dept for a minimum fee; call 732-7330 ext. 301 for an appointment. OCHD also accepts Public Aid & Kid Care.**

**NOTE: A regular state physical exam form can be used for a sports physical, but a sports physical is NOT accepted for the state physical exam requirement. Physical exams and immunizations must be turned in by the first day of school (or by October 15, 2026 at the latest). A student may be denied attendance until these forms are turned in. All new students from out of state require a new Illinois school physical, must meet all immunization requirements, and have 30 days to comply.**

— Sources: Illinois Department of Public Health, "Minimum Immunization Requirements Entering a Child Care Facility or School in Illinois, 2026-2027"; district health requirements summary for the 2026-2027 school year. Verify against IDPH's current published tables before distributing, as requirements can be updated.