



Gallatin City-County Health Department

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Dear Parents:

The Gallatin City-County Health Department would like to remind you of the immunization requirements for entry into public schools in Montana and to inform you of additional requirements for the 2015-2016 school year.

Effective October 1st, 2015, all students must have evidence of immunity to chickenpox through one of the following:

- 2 doses of varicella vaccine
- Laboratory evidence of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease
- Diagnosis or verification of history of chickenpox or shingles disease by a healthcare provider (MD, DO, NP, or PA)

Effective October 1st, 2015, all students in grades 7-12th will need to be immunized against pertussis (Tdap), not just tetanus and diphtheria (Td).

Even though these requirements are not in effect until October 1, 2015, we strongly encourage you to ensure your child is in compliance before the start of the school year. All other immunization requirements remain the same and are summarized in the table below.

VACCINE	PRESCHOOL	KINDERGARTEN - 12 TH GRADE
Haemophilus influenzae Type B (Hib)	1 dose (given on or after the 1 st birthday)	None Needed
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap)	4 doses	At least 4 doses (one given on or after 4 th birthday) Plus 1 dose of Tdap (prior to entering 7 th grade)
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	At least 3 doses (one given on or after 4 th birthday)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	1 dose (dose given on or after 1 st birthday)	2 doses (first dose on or after 1 st birthday)
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose (dose given on or after 1 st birthday)	2 doses (first dose on or after 1 st birthday)

If you have any questions, you can contact the specific school your child attends or you can always call us at the Health Department. Thank you,

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