



Immunization Requirements for 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents,

The New York State Public Health Law 2164 requires that all children entering and attending schools be adequately immunized. Please note that revised regulations for grades Pre-Kindergarten, 7, and 12 will take effect on September 1, 2016. An immunization schedule for each grade level based on information obtained from the New York State Department of Health is listed on the second page.

Please verify that your child has received the appropriate immunizations with your family physician before the start of the school year. A certificate of immunization from your physician documenting that your child has been fully immunized will be due by the first day of school, September 6, for all new students as well as those entering K, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 10th & 12th grades. For Pre-K, these records are due by September 14. Although a 2 week grace period is permitted, it is not advised. According to NYS Public Health Law, *"A principal or person in charge of a school shall not permit a child to continue to attend such a school for more than 14 days unless a person in parental relation to the child has furnished the school with one of the documents specified."*

Returning students in the remaining grades who find that they are not up-to-date with their vaccinations in accordance with the new schedule should also send in updated immunization records from their health care provider after receiving their dosing requirement.

The law allows students who are on process to remain in school while they are following a catch-up schedule. A student is considered in process if he or she has received at least the first dose of all required immunization series and has appointments to complete the series. If this is the case, parents will need to turn in certification from the primary care doctor that these doses have been administered and that a plan has been set up to complete their child's vaccination requirements.

If you choose to not have your child vaccinated, NYS may allow the following exemptions from immunization requirements. Please note that if the school is audited, the exemption may not hold up. Also, in the event of an outbreak, medically exempt individuals may be excluded from classes to protect them from exposure.

- **Medical Exemption**-If a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner certifies in writing that the student has a health condition which is a valid contraindication to receiving a specific vaccine, then an exemption may be granted. This statement must specify those immunizations which may be detrimental and the length of time they may be detrimental. Medical exemptions must be reissued annually. Upon request, MEDICAL EXEMPTION FORMS are available in the school office.
- **Religious Exemption**-A student may be exempt from vaccination if in the opinion of the school the student's parent(s) or guardian holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practice of immunization. Parents should request from the school office A REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION TO IMMUNIZATION FORM which must be filled out and signed by the parent(s) or guardian. This form needs to be turned in to the school to be reviewed by the principal and then filed with the student's records. Upon request, the school may also require supporting documents.
- In addition to the above, exemption from the Varicella requirement may also include a history of varicella disease as documented by a health care provider, not simply parental recall, or serologic proof of immunity to varicella.

****Failure to comply with the state mandated immunization requirement
will jeopardize your child's enrollment at MCA.****

Thank you for your cooperation

NYSDOH Vaccine and Dose Information for the 2016-2017 School Year

Pre-Kindergarten Age Students	
Vaccine	Dosing Needed for 2015-2016 School Year
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (Polio)	3 doses
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	1 dose
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	3 doses
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose
Hib (Haemophilus influenza type b)	1 to 4 doses (depending on when 1 st dose received)
PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	1 to 4 doses (depending on when 1 st dose received)

Kindergarten & Grade 1-2 Students	
Vaccine	Dosing Needed for 2015-2016 School Year
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)*	5 doses (If 4 th dose at age 4 or older, only 4 doses or 3 doses if series started at age 7 or older)
IPV (Polio)*	4 doses (If 3 rd dose at age 4 or older, only 3 doses)
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)*	2 doses
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	3 doses
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses

Grade 3-5 Students	
Vaccine	Dosing Needed for 2015-2016 School Year
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)*	5 doses (If 4 th dose at age 4 or older, only 4 doses or 3 doses if series started at age 7 or older)
IPV (Polio)	3 doses
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2 doses
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	3 doses
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose

Grade 6-8 Students	
Vaccine	Dosing Needed for 2015-2016 School Year
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	3 doses
Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Booster)	Age 11: Must receive 1 dose
IPV (Polio)	4 doses (if 3 rd dose at age 4 or older, only 3 doses)
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2 doses
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	3 doses (or 2 dose of adult Recombivax vaccine)
Varicella (Chickenpox)*	2 doses
MenACWY (Meningococcal Disease)	By Grade 7: 1 dose

Grade 9-12 Students	
Vaccine	Dosing Needed for 2015-2016 School Year
DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	3 doses
Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Booster)	1 dose
IPV (Polio)	3 doses
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2 doses
Hep B (Hepatitis B)	3 doses (or 2 dose of adult Recombivax vaccine)
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose
MenACWY (Meningococcal Disease)	By Grade 12: 2 doses (1 dose if received at 16 or older)