

Student Health Services

Back to School Immunization Requirements Rising 7th Grade Students & New Entrants Grades 8-12



Effective July 1, 2014, all 7th grade students who were born on or after January 1, 2002, and all new entrants to grades 8-12 who are entering into a Georgia school for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than twelve months (one school year) will be required to have:

**1 Dose of Tdap (*Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis*) Vaccine
and
1 Dose of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine**

PLEASE NOTE: These changes only affect rising 7th graders (*born on or after January 1, 2002*), and students who are considered “*new entrants*” for grades 8-12.

The new Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 (*Revised 7/2014*) is a requirement from all students to register for school. The new 3231 Certificate of Immunization Form can be obtained from a community provider and/or local health departments who should also have access to GRITS (The Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services). **Proof of both vaccinations MUST be documented on the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231).**

Certificates issued prior to July 1, 2014 can be submitted only if the Form 3231 (*Revised 3/2007*) shows proof of the two vaccinations unless the child has an exemption.

NOTE NEW CHANGE: Georgia Department of Public Health has developed a new *Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization Form 2208* for use by all new students enrolling in a Fulton County School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year who wish to submit a **religious exemption**. You can find the new form can be found under forms and brochures on the Georgia Department of Public Health’s website.

Please check to make sure your student has all required vaccinations even if the certificate is marked complete. If the Certificate is marked complete and the child **does not** have the required vaccines, **he/she must return to their primary care provider or public health center to receive the required vaccines and be issues a new/updated certificate.**

For more information, visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/Vaccinate-teens#Back%20to%20School> or call 1-800-848-3868.