



**2021-2022 Back to School Immunization Requirements  
Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and New Entrants Grades 8-12  
And  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students-Effective July 1, 2021**

Effective July 1, 2014, all 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Additionally, please note effective July 1, 2021, all students entering or transferring into the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**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 at <http://dph.georgia.gov/schools-and-childcare> under forms and brochures.

**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 <http://dph.georgia.gov/vaccines-children> or call 1-800-848-3868.