



## DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

### 2022-2023 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 issued a new/updated certificate.

For more information, visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/vaccines-children> or call 1-800-848-3868.