



Belvoir Christian Academy

State Immunization Rules

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND 7th GRADE STUDENTS:

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) has issued the following immunization requirements. These vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. However, most children should have already received them. Please refer the following information.

*Please note that Belvoir Christian Academy and the Christian Children's Center require all enrolled students to be immunized according to the Tennessee guidelines. We do **not** accept immunization exemption due to religious or medical reasons, regardless of notarized proof from the child's pediatrician or religious leader.*

- Only one official TDOH certificate of immunization is required to be completed by medical providers for parents to deliver to schools prior to entry of their child into pre-school, kindergarten, 7th grade or as a new student. The official form is available only from a private healthcare provider or local health department.
- For children entering **pre-school**, there are **four** required immunizations. The following requirements are routinely recommended immunizations that most children have already received or will be receiving from their medical provider.
 - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP or DT if appropriate)
 - Hepatitis B (HBV)
 - Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
 - Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib): age younger than 5 years only (This requirement was resumed following suspension during a national Hib vaccine shortage -2008-2009.)
 - Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV): age younger than 5 years only
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
 - Varicella (1 dose or history of disease)
 - Hepatitis A (1 dose by 18 months of age)
- For children entering **kindergarten**, additional doses of existing vaccines are required.
 - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTap or DT if appropriate)
 - Hepatitis B (HBV)
 - Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4th birthday is now required
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
 - Varicella (2 doses or history of disease): previously only one dose was required
 - Hepatitis A (2 doses)
- Children entering the **7th grade**, who are already enrolled, are not required to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine, but must show proof of the following **two** immunizations. For 7th graders already enrolled in Tennessee schools, they only need proof of the following two immunizations that are required on their immunization certificate. It is not necessary to copy the information from any previous immunization certificates onto a new certificate (they may be stapled together for convenience).
 - Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis ("Tdap")
 - Verification of immunity to varicella (2 doses or history of disease)
- Children of **ALL GRADES** who are **new enrollees in a Tennessee school** must have:
 - Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP or DT if appropriate)
 - Hepatitis B (HBV)
 - Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4th birthday required
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
 - Varicella (2 doses or history of disease)