State-Required **Immunizations** for Entry to Moore County Schools

This document contains information about North Carolina’s state-required immunizations. Although Moore County Schools is pleased to supply this information to our parents and guardians, questions about state-required immunizations should be directed to the Moore County Health Department by calling 910-947-3300. Additional information is available through the NC Department of Health and Human Services (www.immunize.nc.gov).

**Birth to 24 Weeks (6 months)**

**Hepatitis B**

Number of Required Doses: *3

When: The third dose must be on or after a child turns 24 weeks of age.

Additional Information: *If the third dose is given before a child turns 6 months of age, that dose must be repeated.

**Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (DTaP)**

Number of Required Doses: *5

When: The last dose must be given on or after a child turns 4 years old.

Additional Information: *If the fourth dose is administered on or after a child’s fourth birthday, then the fifth dose is not required.

**Polio**

Number of Required Doses: *4

When: The last dose must be given on or after a child turns 4 years old.

Additional Information: *If the third dose is administered on or after a child’s fourth birthday, then the fourth dose is not required. This applies to children on a catch-up schedule.*

*Students who began school before July 1, 2015, are not required to receive the fourth dose.*

**Birth to School Entry**

**Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)**

Number of Required Doses: *2

When: The first dose must be given on or after a child’s 1st birthday.

Additional Information: *If the first dose is given before a child’s 1st birthday, that dose must be repeated. The second dose is given after the 4th birthday but before entry into school.*

**Varicella (Chickenpox)**

Number of Required Doses: *2

When: The first dose must be given on or after a child’s 1st birthday.

Additional Information: If the first dose is given before a child’s 1st birthday, that dose must be repeated. The second dose is given after the 4th birthday but before entry into school.

*A child entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time before July 1, 2015, is not required to receive the second dose.*

*The Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine is not required for children born before April 1, 2001.*

**7th and 12th Grade Students**

**Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)**

Number of Required Doses: *10

Additional Information: *Effective July 1, 2015: One dose of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine is required for students entering the 7th grade or by age 12 years, if not previously received.*

**Meningococcal**

Number of Required Doses: *2

When: Effective July 1, 2015: The first dose is required for students entering 7th grade or by age 12 years. The second dose is required for students entering 12th grade or turning 17 years of age on or after August 1, 2020.

Additional Information: *A student entering twelfth grade for the first time before August 1, 2020, is not required to receive the second dose.*

*The Meningococcal vaccine is not required for students born before January 1, 2003.*

*If the first dose is given on or before a student’s 16th birthday, the second dose is not required.*

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