



ANNUAL REPORT OF IMMUNIZATION STATUS

2023 – 2024 Summary

The 2023 - 2024 *Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS)* is mailed to all public school districts and accredited non-public or private schools in September. Below, please find a list of the contents and an explanation of resources.

- The *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* resource provides answers to questions frequently asked during the immunization-reporting period.
- The *Final Submission Checklist* provides helpful reminders to ensure the report is complete.
- An *Immunization Reporting Guide PowerPoint* is available at <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx> to help provide guidance and address common immunization scenarios.

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September 15, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Annual Report of Immunization Status

Dear Principals, Superintendents, and School Health Staff:

In accordance with *Section 38.002, Education Code and 25 TAC §97.71*, all public school districts and accredited private schools shall complete the *Annual Report of Immunization Status* (ARIS) each year. The purpose of this report is to monitor compliance with the Texas immunization requirements outlined in *25 TAC §97.61-97.72*.

Please use the enclosed 2023-2024 *Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12* as a reference. In addition to the chart, helpful documents are available online at <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx> and <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/publications.aspx>. Links may not work in old or outdated browsers such as Internet Explorer.

The ARIS should be completed by the school nurse or other staff person who maintains immunization records. Select an assessment date to report immunization data for your school district or private school between Friday, October 27, 2023, and Friday, December 8, 2023. Any report submitted before October 27 will not be accepted. The report must be submitted online by December 8, 2023. Reports submitted after December 8, 2023, will be considered late and invalid. Facilities that do not submit the report as instructed may be subject to auditing.

School administration should review the ARIS before submitting to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Per state law, students considered "delinquent" for any vaccine category should be excluded from school until the student achieves immunization compliance.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of Texas students.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about immunization requirements or this report, please contact the DSHS Immunization Section at (800) 252-9152 or email us at chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

DSHS Immunization Section

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Enclosures



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2023 – 2024 INSTRUCTIONS

The directions to submit your facility's *Annual Report of Immunization Status* (ARIS) for this year are enclosed. This information is collected under the authority of *Texas Education Code §38.002* and *25 TAC §97.71*. It is used to measure compliance with immunization requirements. As required by state law, all schools must complete this report between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December.

IMPORTANT: If you received more than one ARIS for the same school, contact us immediately at (800) 252-9152 or email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov for detailed instructions. If one or more of the following scenarios applies to your facility, check the appropriate line(s), fill in your Facility Name and Facility ID and return it via fax (512) 776-7544 or email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov. If one or more of the following apply, it is not necessary to fill out the rest of the report.

- Closed or No Longer in Business
- Inactive / Temporary Closure
- Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)
- No Immunization Records Kept on Site / Students Accounted for on Survey of School Where Enrolled
- No Students Currently Enrolled
- Psychiatric Facility
- Alternative Adult Education
- Transitional Facility (houses youth that have transitioned from foster care and teaches life skills for independent living)
- Dual Credit Campus (an institution of higher education, like a university, that provides college credits to high school students)
- Pre-Kindergarten (pre-K) Only Facility, no students in kindergarten through 12th grade (K – 12th)

Facility Name

Facility ID

Online Data Entry

Each public school district, charter school district, and private school must submit the ARIS online between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December.

- (1) Go to <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx> for the ARIS.
- (2) There are tutorials at the top of the web page to assist in the process.
 - a. 'User Account' is a tutorial on creating a new user account.
 - b. 'Imm Data Entry' is a tutorial on immunization data entry.
 - c. 'Imm Reporting Guide' provides guidance on commonly used terms and scenarios.

NOTE: 'VHSS Data Entry' tutorial provides instructions on Vision-Hearing-Spinal Screening data entry. VHSS data entry is not required until January.

(3) Open each tutorial and either print out the slides or save the files to your computer.

(4) Log in to the website. Your username and password are the same as last year. Refer to the 'User Account' tutorial as needed for instructions. You will need your Facility ID and FIN.

(5) Refer to the 'Imm Data Entry' tutorial on <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx>. This tutorial contains instructions for entering your ARIS data online. Refer to the instructions on pages 2 - 6 of this tutorial to supplement the online data entry instructions. The data entry online report form is in the same order as it appears on your paper copy of the ARIS form.

Troubleshooting

If you have problems logging in, questions with data entry, send an email to chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov or call (800) 252-9152.

Include the following information in your email so we can best assist you:

- Your first and last name
- Your phone number
- Your facility name
- Your facility ID
- A detailed description of the issue you are having

Reporting Timeline

Report the immunization status of students between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) does not accept mailed or emailed copies of the immunization report.

NOTE: The website will not allow submission of immunization data until the last Friday in October.

DSHS does not grant extensions past the deadline. Failure to submit your ARIS by the due date will result in your facility being selected for an audit.

Data Publication

Data provided in the ARIS is published annually online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunization-unit/immunization-coverage-levels/vaccination-coverage-levels-texas>. Data entry errors made by school staff will not be corrected once the information is published. Therefore, it is imperative to check the data before submission. This immunization data is also submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Section 1: Public School District, Charter School District, or Private School Information

Use the following information to access the online ARIS:

- (A) Facility Name
- (B) Facility ID
- (C) FIN
- (D) For data reporting purposes, ensure your mailing address accurately reflects the location of your facility. If it does not match, contact us at (800) 252-9152 or email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov for further instructions.

Enter your contact information:

- (E) Name and title
- (F) Email address and phone number

Complete lines (G) and (H) for your entire public school district, charter school district, or private school for all grades kindergarten through grade 12.

Private schools should enter your specific private school information. Do not enter diocese total or parent organization information.

- (G) Total number of students in grades kindergarten through seventh in your public school district, charter school district, or private school with at least one conscientious exemption.
- (H) Total number of students enrolled in your public school district, charter school district, or private school regardless of what grade levels you have in your district or school. Do **not** count pre-K students.

Example. A private school with only grades eighth through grade 12 must provide the total number of students enrolled in grades eighth through grade 12.

NOTE: If your public school district, charter school district, or private school does not provide education to students enrolled in grades kindergarten and seventh (e.g., grades ninth through grade 12 only), you will **only** complete Section 1. Do **not** move on to Section 2.

Section 2: Immunization Status

The information for Section 2 must be submitted for kindergarten and seventh grade students in your public school district, charter school district, or private school. For a list of immunization requirements, see the *Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12* (Stock No. 6-14) online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.shtm>.

NOTE: If your public school district, charter school district, or private school provides education to students enrolled in kindergarten, seventh grade, or both, you will need to select a button indicating for which grades you are submitting data after completing Section 1. Reporting options are kindergarten and seventh grade, kindergarten only, or seventh grade only.

Table 1: Kindergarten and Table 2: Seventh Grade

The following refers to Lines A through G in Table 1 and Table 2.

- a. **Total number of schools in your public school district with kindergarten or seventh grade.**

Hint: For most private schools, the number should be 1.

- b. **Total number of students enrolled in kindergarten or seventh grade.**

- c. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students with an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit form on file for at least one vaccine. Review the records of all students with an affidavit on file, regardless of the number of vaccines checked on the student's form.**

Hint: If you document that you have at least one student with a conscientious exemption on file for Line C, you must also document the corresponding vaccine or vaccines that the student is exempted from in Column 3.

- d. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students that presented an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit form with all vaccines checked.**

Hint: The number for "D" must be less than or equal to the number reported in Line C.

NOTE: You might not have any students in this category.

- e. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students with a medical exemption for at least one vaccine.**

Hint: If you document that you have at least one student with a medical exemption on file in Line E, you must also document the corresponding vaccine(s) that the student is exempted from in Column 4.

- f. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students that presented a medical exemption statement for all vaccines.**

Hint: The number for "E" must be less than or equal to the number reported in Line E.

NOTE: You might not have any students in this category.

- g. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students who are provisionally enrolled.**

Hint: This number must be less than or equal to the sum of Column 2.

- h. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students who do not have an immunization record on file.**

NOTE: Do not include students with an exemption to any or all vaccine(s). Students without immunization records or valid vaccine exemptions on file who are not enrolled provisionally must receive vaccines as soon as medically feasible. Per *Texas Education Code 38.001*, each student shall be fully

immunized against diphtheria, measles, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and poliomyelitis, unless a valid vaccine exemption is on file, or the child meets the provisional enrollment criteria.

Vaccine-Specific Information

The following refers to Columns 1 through 7 in Table 1 and Table 2.

1. Up-to-date

Only include the number of students who are up-to-date or completely vaccinated in this column. For example, include all those who have completed all required doses of a specific vaccine for their age. A student that has provided required documentation to support serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A, should be included as being up-to-date.

NOTE: Students that received a varicella vaccine and have a history of illness must be captured only in Column 6: History.

2. Provisional

Enter the number of students who are provisionally enrolled. A student can enroll provisionally under the following circumstances:

- When a student has started a series of required vaccinations and is on schedule to receive the remaining doses as rapidly as medically feasible.
- When a student has transferred from one Texas school to another Texas school and is waiting on the transfer of immunization records (30-day period).
- When a student is a dependent of a person who is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is waiting for the transfer of records from a previous school.
- When a student fits the definition of homeless or in foster care, a student can provisionally enroll for 30 days if acceptable evidence of vaccination is not available.

Refer to 25 TAC §97.66 for complete information regarding provisional enrollment. Go to <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/publications.aspx> for a provisional enrollment flowchart and a provisional enrollment dosing schedule.

3. Conscientious

Enter the number of students who have an official *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit form from DSHS on file.

The notarized original form must be on file at your school. The ***Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience*** affidavit is valid for **two years** from the notarized date.

4. Medical

Enter the number of students who have a valid medical exemption on file with your school.

A medical exemption is not a conscientious exemption.

The student's physician (M.D. or D.O.) must sign the medical exemption statement. The medical exemption must state that, in the physician's opinion, the required vaccine is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household. Unless the written statement specifies that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only **one year** from the date signed by the physician.

NOTE: Students with a history of illness of varicella should be reported in Column 6: History. Do not count them as a medical exemption.

5. Delinquent

Enter the number of students who are delinquent with vaccination requirements. Delinquent students are those who are not up-to-date on their immunizations; do not have the required immunizations for their age; do not qualify for provisional enrollment; or do not have a valid medical or conscientious exemption on file.

Do not include students that were accounted for in Columns 1 through 4.

NOTE: The *25 Texas Administrative Code Rule §97.66* mandates that schools exclude delinquent students from attendance until immunization records are provided verifying that all required doses were administered.

6. History

Enter the number of students with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) infection. Acceptable documentation of infection is a written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease, or of varicella immunity, per *25 TAC §97.65*.

Do not include students that were accounted for in Columns 1 through 5.

7. Totals

Add each line for each vaccine. The total for every vaccine must equal the total enrollment for the specified grade level in Line B. The number in Column 7 must be the same for each vaccine since it is the total number of students enrolled for that reported grade.

HINT: As you enter your report online, automatic data validations will check the accuracy of your data.

Additional Information

All Schools

- Fill out all required fields for the report. If there are no students in a particular category or if the category is not applicable to you, place a zero in the box.
- If your facility only has grades above seventh grade, you are only required to complete Section 1 of this report.
- If you have access to a computer software program that calculates your ARIS, do not send the computerized printout to DSHS. Instead, use your printout to complete the ARIS online.
- Do not select "submit" until data for all grades are finalized. If you submit your information before all data is entered, contact us at (800) 252-9152 or email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov.
- Carefully review your report before you submit it. Once submitted, you will not be allowed to make changes. Check to ensure all numbers are entered correctly and check the calculations.
- It is very important that you keep a copy of your report for your records. After you submit your data online, you will have the opportunity to print a summary report.

Public School Districts

This report must include your total district numbers for all requested grades. Do not submit a separate report for each kindergarten and seventh grade school in your district.

Charter School Districts

Only one report should be submitted per charter school district.

Charter school district reports must reflect all campuses assigned to each charter school district as organized in the Texas Education Agency's AskTED database, at <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/tea.askted.web/Forms/Home.aspx>.

Private Schools

- **If you received more than one report and the forms have different facility ID numbers, contact us immediately by phone at (800) 252-9152 or by email at chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov. Do not combine different reports.**
- **For Catholic diocese schools, submit the reports with information specific to the school's name listed. Do not submit the diocese total.**



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Report Preparation

- Q1:** Why do I need to select a button indicating I am reporting immunization data for kindergarten and seventh grade, kindergarten only, or seventh grade only?
- A:** Some school users submitted immunization data for only one grade but intended to enter immunization data for both grades after the report was fully submitted.
- Q2:** Why don't I have the option to report pre-K data?
- A:** The ARIS no longer collects pre-K immunization data.
- Q3:** How should I answer the question that asks for the "Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with grade kindergarten or seventh grade?"
- A:** This number reflects the number of physical campuses in your public school district, charter school district, or private school with this grade level. Diocese schools should not report diocese totals. This also applies to the kindergarten and seventh grade data tables (Table 1 and Table 2).
- Q4:** I see the question that states, "Total number of students with a conscientious exemption for all vaccines." What does this mean?
- A:** This question refers to the number of students that have an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit form on file and are exempt from all required vaccines. "This number is a subset of the previous question (number of students with an exemption to one or more vaccines) and should be a smaller number." Some children may not have an immunization record on file. Others may have an incomplete record on file.
- Q5:** Some of my students have *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavits with all vaccine categories checked (i.e., "exempt from all vaccines") but also have an immunization record on file indicating that they meet some of the vaccine requirements (e.g., three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). How should I categorize these students on the report?
- A:** If a student has received all the doses of a required vaccine and has an exemption on file for that vaccine, count this student in the number for the up-to-date total in Column 1 for that vaccine. For example, if a student received three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine and had a vaccine exemption for

all required vaccines, the student would be included in the total number of students who are up-to-date in Column 1 for Hepatitis B vaccine and the student would be counted in Column 3, "conscientious exemptions," for all the other vaccines. This student would be included in the total number of students with an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* for at least one vaccine (C).

Q6: I see the question (2g, 3g) that asks for the total number of students without an immunization record. What does this mean?

A: Document the total number of students in this grade level that do not have an immunization record **or** an exemption on file. These students must be included in the counts of delinquent students in Column 5. Do not include provisionally enrolled students in Column 5.

Q7: Is the "Delinquent" column (5) for all my students who do not have a shot record on file?

A: This is for students that are out of compliance and considered delinquent. In some cases, these students may be counted as "without a shot record" in 2g/3g. The following scenarios are examples, but this is not a complete list:

- The student was provisionally enrolled but did not receive the necessary doses of vaccine or did not present an immunization record within the allotted time and is now delinquent.
- The student has not received the required vaccines and does not have a valid *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit or medical exemption on file.
- A student has an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit that has expired.
- A student's immunization record is not up-to-date (i.e., missing vaccine doses).

Q8: How do I complete the column labeled "Students with a History of Illness" for varicella (chickenpox)?

A: The 25 TAC §97.65 allows students with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) illness to satisfy the varicella school entry requirements. Count a student enrolled with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) illness **only** in the "Students with a History of Illness" Column 6.

Report Submission

Q1: I am a new user for my school and do not have a user ID or password. How do I get this information?

A: You will need your Facility ID and FIN number (located on the mailing address page in the lower right-hand side). Go to the Child Health Reporting System (CHRS) website at <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx>. Under the login box, choose the link "Click here to register for a new school or childcare facility user account." Refer to the tutorial on the CHRS website for more detailed instructions.

Q2: I do not have a password, or I forgot my password. How do I get a new one?

A: You will need your Facility ID and FIN number (located on the mailing address page in the lower right-hand side). Go to the CHRS home page at <https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx> and select "I forgot my User ID/Password – School/Child-Care Facility User." Refer to the tutorial on the CHRS website for more detailed instructions.

Q3: If my password worked last year, why won't it work this year?

A: Passwords are required to be a minimum of eight characters long. Please select the "I forgot my password" link on the CHRS login page or email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov.

Q4: Once logged into the system, I entered my Contact Information and clicked "Save." The system will not allow me to answer the next two questions: "Total number of students with a conscientious exemption" and "Total school enrollment K – 12th grade."

A: You must go back and select "Edit," enter the totals for both questions, and then select "Save" again.

Q5: I accidentally clicked submit before my report was complete. How can I complete my report?

A: Please email chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov and DSHS staff will unlock the report for you. Include your Facility ID and district or school name in the email.



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Final Submission Checklist

- Enter all immunization data for the school year listed on the ARIS. Immunization data can be entered electronically between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December. Ensure your facility's immunization data reflects the current school year.
- Verify that your school's name, school address, Facility ID, and FIN are correct (located on the mailing address page in the lower right-hand side).
- Ensure **all** your contact information is complete and accurate with your name, title, phone number, and email. We may need to contact you with questions or concerns.
- Ensure you correctly answer questions G and H at the top of your report. G must reflect the number of students in kindergarten through grade 12 with at least one conscientious exemption on file. H must reflect your district's total kindergarten through grade 12 enrollments.
- In Table 1 and Table 2, ensure that the number of students with an exemption to **all** vaccines (2d/3d) is included in the number of students with an exemption to at least **one** vaccine (2c/3c).
- Verify all data has been entered for kindergarten and seventh grade. If your facility does not have kindergarten or seventh grade, you should only complete Section 1.
- Once you have verified **all** information is complete and accurate, submit your report.
- Print a copy of your completed report for your records.

If you have additional questions, contact the Immunization Section at (800) 252-9152 or chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov.



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NOTE: Submit this report by Friday, December 8, 2023.

SECTION 1: PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT/CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT/PRIVATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

(ALL SCHOOLS must complete Section 1)

(A) Name of Public School District/Charter School District/Private School	
(B) Facility ID Number	
(C) FIN	
(D) Mailing Address	
(E) Name and Title of Person Completing Form	
(F) Email and Phone Number	

Complete items **G** and **H** for your public school district/charter school district/private school.

(G) What is the total number of kindergarten through grade 12 students in your public school district/charter school district/private school with **at least one conscientious exemption**?

(H) What is the total enrollment number of kindergarten through grade 12 students in your public school district/charter school district/private school?

SECTION 2. Table 1: Kindergarten

- 2a. Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with grade kindergarten. _____
- 2b. Total enrollment for grade kindergarten. _____
- 2c. Total number of kindergarten students with an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit for at least one vaccine (must not be more than “(G)” above). _____
- 2d. Of the students included in 2c, how many have an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit for all required vaccines? _____
- 2e. Total number of kindergarten students with a **medical exemption** for at least one vaccine. _____
- 2f. Of the students included in 2e, how many have a **medical exemption for all** required vaccines? _____
- 2g. Total number of kindergarten students provisionally enrolled for at least one vaccine. (Do not include students from 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, and 2g) _____
- 2h. Total number of kindergarten students **without** an immunization record. (Do not include students with an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience* affidavit) _____

Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 MUST total Column 7

Vaccine	Number of Students Up-to-date	Number of Students Provisionally Enrolled	Number of Students that are exempt with official State of Texas Form	Number of Students that are Exempt with a Statement from a Health Care Provider	Number of Students Out of Compliance	Number of Students with a History of Illness*	(7) Total from Columns 1 - 6 (2b)
	(1) Up-to-date	(2) Provisional (2g)	(3) Conscientious (2c)	(4) Medical (2e)	(5) Delinquent (2h)	(6) History	
DTaP							
Hepatitis A							
Hepatitis B							
MMR							
Polio							
Varicella							

* If a student has received varicella vaccine *and* has a documented history of illness, include the student in column 6 **ONLY**.

* If a student has required documentation on evidence of immunity or prior history of disease of measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A, include them as up-to-date.

SECTION 3. Table 2: Seventh Grade

- 3a. Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with seventh grade. _____
- 3b. Total enrollment for seventh grade. _____
- 3c. Total number of seventh grade students with an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience affidavit for at least one vaccine (must not be more than “(G)” above)*. _____
- 3d. Of the students included in 3c, how many students have an *Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience affidavit for all* required vaccines? _____
- 3e. Total number of seventh grade students with a **medical** exemption for at least one vaccine. _____
- 3f. Of the students included in 3e, how many have a **medical exemption for all** required vaccines? _____
- 3g. Total number of seventh grade students provisionally enrolled for at least one vaccine. (See provisional enrollment flowchart that is attached for more information. Do not include students from 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, and 3g above.) _____

Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 MUST total Column 7

Vaccine	Number of Students Up-to-date	Number of Students Provisionally Enrolled	Number of Students that are exempt with official State of Texas Form	Number of Students that are Exempt with a Statement from a Health Care Provider	Number of Students Out of Compliance	Number of Students with a History of Illness*	(7) Total from Columns 1 – 6 (3b)
	(1) Up-to-date	(2) Provisional (3g)	(3) Conscientious (3c)	(4) Medical (3e)	(5) Delinquent (3h)	(6) History	
Tdap/Td							
Hepatitis A							
Hepatitis B							
MMR							
Polio							
Varicella							
Meningococcal							

* If a student has received varicella vaccine *and* has a documented history of illness, include the student in Column 6 **ONLY**.

* If student required documentation evidence of immunity or prior history of disease to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A, include them as up-to-date.

2023 - 2024 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level												Notes	
	Grades K - 6 th		Grade 7 th	Grades 8 th - 12 th										
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)	5 doses or 4 doses		3 dose primary series and 1 booster dose of Tdap / Td <i>within the last 5 years</i>					3 dose primary series and 1 booster dose of Tdap / Td <i>within the last 10 years</i>					<p>For K – 6th grade: 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 dose must have been received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.¹ For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.¹</p> <p>For 7th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*</p> <p>For 8th – 12th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*</p> <p>*Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.</p>	
Polio	4 doses or 3 doses												<p>For K – 12th grade: 4 doses of polio; 1 dose must be received on or after the 4th birthday.¹ However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.¹</p>	
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ² (MMR)	2 doses												<p>For K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday.¹ Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and 1 dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.</p>	
Hepatitis B ²	3 doses												For students aged 11 – 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax [®]) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax [®]) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax [®] was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.	
Varicella ^{2,3}	2 doses												For K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1 st dose received on or after the 1 st birthday. ¹	
Meningococcal (MCV4)	1 dose												<p>For 7th – 12th grade, 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th birthday.</p> <p>NOTE: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.</p>	
Hepatitis A ²	2 doses												For K – 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1 st dose received on or after the 1 st birthday. ¹	

NOTE: Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

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¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

² Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

³ Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

Information on exclusions from immunization requirements, provisional enrollment, and acceptable documentation of immunizations may be found in §97.62, §97.66, and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code, respectively and online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.shtm>.

Exemptions

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements which clearly state a medical reason exists that the person cannot receive specific vaccines, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health.

Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/exemptions.aspx. The original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school.

For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician must be submitted to the school. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

Provisional Enrollment

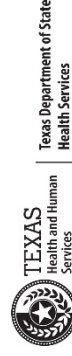
All immunizations must be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. Student must not be overdue for the next dose in a series to be considered provisional. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school.

A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Additional guidelines for provisional enrollment of students transferring from one Texas public or private school to another, students who are dependents of active duty military, students in foster care, and students who are homeless can be found in the TAC, Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.66 and 97.69.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. Validation includes a signature, initials, or stamp. An immunization record generated from an electronic health record must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp, along with the vaccine name and vaccination date (month, day, and year). An official record generated from a health authority is acceptable. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state is acceptable.



Requisitos mínimos de vacunas en el estado de Texas de 2023 - 2024 para estudiantes de kínder a 12.o grado

Esta gráfica resume los requisitos de vacunación incorporados al Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC), título 25, Servicios de salud, secciones 97.61 a 97.72. Este documento no tiene como propósito sustituir al TAC, el cual contempla otras disposiciones y detalles. El Código de Educación de Texas, capítulo 38, confiere al Departamento Estatal de Servicios de Salud (DSHS) la autoridad para establecer los requisitos de inmunización.

REQUISITOS DE INMUNIZACIÓN

Los estudiantes deberán mostrar comprobantes de vacunación aceptables antes de inscribirse, asistir o ser transferidos a una guardería o una escuela primaria o secundaria pública o privada de Texas.

Vacuna requerida (Vea las notas y notas de pie de página)	Número mínimo de dosis requeridas por nivel de grado												Notas			
	De kínder a 6.o grado		7.o grado		De 8.o a 12.o grado											
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12		
Difteria, tétanos, tos ferina (DTaP, DTP, DT, Td, Tdap)	5 dosis o 4 dosis		Una serie primaria de 3 dosis y 1 refuerzo de la vacuna Tdap / Td dentro de los últimos 5 años		Una serie primaria de 3 dosis y 1 refuerzo de la vacuna Tdap / Td dentro de los últimos 10 años						<p>Para los grados kínder a 6.o: 5 dosis de la vacuna contra la difteria, el tétanos y la tosferina; debe haberse recibido 1 dosis en o después del 4.o cumpleaños. Sin embargo, con 4 dosis se cubre el requisito si la 4.a dosis se recibió en o después del 4.o cumpleaños.¹ Para los estudiantes de 7 años de edad o más, con 3 dosis cumplan con el requisito si recibieron 1 de las dosis en o después del 4.o cumpleaños.¹</p> <p>Para el 7.o grado: Se requiere 1 dosis de la vacuna Tdap si han pasado al menos 5 años desde la última dosis de una vacuna que contenga tétanos.*</p> <p>Para los grados 8.o a 12.o: Se requiere 1 dosis de la vacuna Tdap cuando hayan pasado 10 años desde la última dosis de una vacuna que contenga tétanos.*</p> <p>*La vacuna Td es aceptable en lugar de la vacuna Tdap si existe una contraindicación médica para la vacuna contra la tosferina.</p>					
Polio	4 dosis o 3 dosis												<p>Para los grados kínder a 12.o: 4 dosis de la vacuna contra la polio; debe recibirse 1 dosis en o después del 4.o cumpleaños.¹ Sin embargo, con 3 dosis se cumple con el requisito si la 3.a dosis se recibió en o después del 4.o cumpleaños.¹</p>			
Sarampión, paperas y rubeola ² (MMR)	2 dosis												<p>Para los grados kínder a 12.o: Se requieren 2 dosis de la vacuna, la 1.a de las cuales debe recibirse en o después del 1.er cumpleaños.¹ Los estudiantes que fueron vacunados antes de 2009 con 2 dosis contra el sarampión y una dosis contra la rubeola y una dosis contra las paperas cumplan con este requisito.</p>			
Hepatitis B ²	3 dosis												<p>Para los estudiantes de 11 a 15 años de edad, con 2 dosis cumplan con el requisito si recibieron la vacuna contra la hepatitis B para adultos (Recombivax®). Tanto la dosis (10 mcg / 1.0 mL) como el tipo de vacuna (Recombivax®) deben documentarse claramente. Si la vacuna recibida no fue Recombivax®, se requiere una serie de 3 dosis.</p>			
Varicela ^{2,3}	2 dosis												<p>Para los grados kínder a 12.o: Se requieren 2 dosis, de las cuales la 1.a dosis debe recibirse en o después del 1.er cumpleaños.¹</p>			
Vacuna antimeningocócica (MCV4)	1 dosis												<p>Para los grados 7.o a 12.o, se requiere 1 dosis de la vacuna antimeningocócica tetravalente conjugada en o después del 11.o cumpleaños del estudiante.</p>			
Hepatitis A ²	2 dosis												<p>Para los grados kínder a 12.o: Son necesarias 2 dosis, la 1.a de las cuales debe recibirse en o después del 1.er cumpleaños.¹</p>			

NOTA: Las casillas sombreadas indican que no se requiere la vacuna para el grupo de edad correspondiente.

↓ Notas al reverso, por favor dé la vuelta. ↓

- 1 Recibir la dosis hasta (e inclusive) 4 días antes del cumpleaños satisfará el requisito de inmunización para inscribirse en la escuela.
- 2 Son aceptables en lugar de la vacuna una prueba serológica de infección o la confirmación serológica de inmunidad al sarampión, las paperas, la rubeola, la hepatitis B, la hepatitis A o la varicela.
- 3 Si se ha tenido la enfermedad previamente, puede documentarse con una declaración escrita de un médico, un enfermero escolar o uno de los padres o tutor del niño, la cual diga algo como: “Esto es para comprobar que (nombre del estudiante) tuvo la enfermedad de la varicela (*varicella* o *chickenpox*) el (fecha) o alrededor de esa fecha y no necesita la vacuna contra la varicela”. Dicha declaración escrita será aceptable en lugar de alguna o todas las dosis requeridas de la vacuna contra la varicela.

Podrá encontrar información sobre las exclusiones de requisitos de vacunas, la inscripción provisional y la documentación aceptada de las vacunas en las secciones 97.62, 97.66 y 97.68 del Código Administrativo de Texas, respectivamente, y en línea en <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.shtm> (en inglés).

Exenciones

La ley de Texas autoriza a que (a) los médicos redacten declaraciones de exención médica, las cuales deben indicar claramente que existe una razón médica que le impide a la persona recibir determinadas vacunas específicas, y (b) los padres o tutores opten por una exención de los requisitos de inmunización por razones de conciencia, incluidas las creencias religiosas. La ley no permite que los padres o tutores opten por una exención simplemente para evitarse inconvenientes (por ejemplo, cuando un registro se haya perdido o esté incompleto y sea mucha molestia ir con un médico o a una clínica para corregir el problema). Las escuelas deben mantener una lista actualizada de los estudiantes con exenciones, de forma que se les pueda excluir en casos de emergencias o epidemias declaradas por el comisionado de salud pública.

Encontrará las instrucciones para solicitar la declaración jurada de exención oficial, la cual debe ser firmada por los padres o tutores que elijan la exención por razones de conciencia, incluidas las creencias religiosas, en www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/exemptions.aspx (en inglés). El original de la declaración jurada de exención debe llenarse y entregarse en la escuela.

En el caso de los niños para quienes se reclamen exenciones médicas, es necesario presentar a la escuela una declaración escrita del médico. A menos que en la declaración conste por escrito que existe una afección de por vida, la declaración de exención es válida solo por un año a partir de la fecha en que el médico la firmó.

Inscripción provisional

Todas las inmunizaciones deben haberse completado antes del primer día de asistencia. La ley exige que los estudiantes estén completamente vacunados contra las enfermedades específicas. Un estudiante puede inscribirse de manera provisional si cuenta con un registro de inmunización que indique que el estudiante ha recibido al menos una dosis de cada vacuna específica apropiada para su edad según lo exige esta regla. Para que el estudiante se considere como inscrito de manera provisional, no debe estar atrasado en su calendario para recibir la siguiente dosis que le corresponda en la serie de dosis de la vacuna. Para seguir inscrito, el estudiante debe completar las dosis posteriores requeridas de cada serie de vacunas a tiempo según el calendario y tan rápidamente como sea médicamente posible, y debe proporcionar a la escuela un comprobante aceptable de que ha sido vacunado.

Un enfermero escolar o administrador escolar revisará cada 30 días el estado de inmunización de los estudiantes inscritos de manera provisional para garantizar el cumplimiento ininterrumpido de la aplicación de las dosis de vacunas requeridas. Si, al final del periodo de 30 días, un estudiante no ha recibido una dosis posterior de la vacuna, el estudiante no está cumpliendo con las normas, y la escuela excluirá al estudiante de su asistencia a la escuela hasta que se le administre la dosis requerida.

Las normas adicionales para la inscripción provisional de estudiantes transferidos de una escuela pública o privada de Texas a otra, estudiantes que dependen de militares en servicio activo, estudiantes que viven en hogar de acogida y estudiantes en situación sin hogar, se encuentran en el TAC, título 25, Servicios de salud, secciones 97.66 y 97.69.

Documentación

Dado que se usan muchos tipos de registros de inmunización personales, cualquier documento es aceptable si un médico o el personal de salud pública lo ha validado. La validación debe incluir una firma del responsable, sus iniciales o el sello. Un registro de vacunas generado a partir de un registro de salud electrónico debe incluir la información de contacto de la clínica y la firma o sello del proveedor, junto con el nombre de la vacuna y la fecha de vacunación (mes, día y año). Se acepta un registro oficial elaborado por una autoridad sanitaria. Se acepta un registro oficial recibido de parte de los funcionarios de la escuela, incluido un registro procedente de otro estado.

