

Important Immunization Policy Information for 2025-2026

January 15, 2025

Dear Parents,

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires all families to provide proof of immunization on or before the first day of the school year or **risk their child's exclusion from school**. These regulations ensure that children attending school are adequately protected against potential outbreaks of preventable diseases. Holy Cross Regional Catholic School follows the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's (AOP) vaccine policy and requires all children to be vaccinated against diseases. Exceptions are not granted except for medical reasons. Your child's **primary care provider** must document the medical reasoning and submit it to Mrs. Theresa Healy and me, the school nurse, Nancy Lynn R.N. This paperwork will be submitted for approval by the AOP and Archbishop Perez.

All students entering Holy Cross Regional Catholic School

Children need the following immunizations or risk exclusion for kindergarten to eighth-grade attendance. Pre-K students must be up to date with immunizations for their age.

- **4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis** (Usually given as DTP or DTaP and one dose after 4th birthday)
- **4 doses of polio** (4th dose after 4th birthday and at least six months after the previous dose given)
- **2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella** (Usually given as MMR)
- **3 doses of hepatitis B**
- **2 doses of varicella** (chicken pox) or evidence of immunity

Reminder For Students Entering the 7th grade

Your child must have the following vaccines on the first day of 7th grade or risk exclusion from school.

- **1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)**
- **1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)**

Please submit proof of immunization on or before the first day of the school year so that we may ensure compliance with Pennsylvania state law regarding immunizations. **If the proper documentation is not submitted, your child risks exclusion from school.**

As of August 15, 2024, we will **no longer accept a medical exception from Frederick D. Burton, MD, of Wynnewood, PA**. The medical exemption must come from your child's primary care provider (pediatrician or family practice physician) with a written statement explaining the medical reason for the exemption. This is the current policy for immunizations for students dictated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter.

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