

Required Immunizations for Children Attending Camp and Camp Staff

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Grades Kindergarten–6^{¶†}

In ungraded classrooms, Kindergarten requirements apply to all students ≥5 years.

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DTaP/Tdap	5 doses; 4 doses are acceptable if the fourth dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday; DT is only acceptable with a letter stating a medical contraindication to DTaP
Polio	4 doses; fourth dose must be given on or after the 4^{th} birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose or a fifth dose is required; 3 doses are acceptable if the third dose is given on or after the 4^{th} birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
MMR	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday, and second dose must be given ≥28 days after first dose; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
Varicella	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and second dose must be given ≥28 days after first dose; a reliable history of chickenpox [*] or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

Grades 7–12[†]

In ungraded classrooms, Grade 7 requirements apply to all students ≥12 years.

Tdap	1 dose; and history of DTaP primary series or age-appropriate catch-up vaccination; Tdap given at ≥7 years may be counted, but a dose at age 11–12 is recommended if Tdap was given earlier as part of a catch-up schedule; Td or Tdap should be given if it has been ≥10 years since last Tdap
Polio	4 doses; fourth dose must be given on or after the 4^{th} birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose or a fifth dose is required; 3 doses are acceptable if the third dose is given on or after the 4^{th} birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable; 2 doses of Heplisav-B given on or after 18 years of age are acceptable
MMR	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday, and second dose must be given ≥28 days after first dose; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
Varicella	2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday and second dose must be given ≥28 days after first dose; a reliable history of chickenpox [*] or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
Meningococcal Grade 7–10	1 dose; this dose must be given on or after the 10 th birthday. Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, MenACWY (formerly MCV4) and MenABCWY, fulfill this requirement; monovalent meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement
Meningococcal Grade 11–12 [‡]	2 doses; second dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) must be given on or after the 16 th birthday and ≥ 8 weeks after the previous dose; 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16 th birthday. Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, MenACWY (MCV4) and MenABCWY, fulfill this requirement; monovalent meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement

Campers, staff, and volunteers 18 years of age and older

MMR	2 doses; anyone born in or after 1957; 1 dose; anyone born before 1957 outside the US; anyone born in the US before 1957 is considered immune; laboratory evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella is acceptable
Varicella	2 doses; anyone born in or after 1980 in the US, and anyone born outside the US; anyone born before 1980 in the US is considered immune; a reliable history of chickenpox* or laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable
Tdap	1 dose; and history of DTaP primary series or age-appropriate catch-up vaccination; Tdap given at ≥7 years may be counted, but a dose at age 11-12 is recommended if Tdap was given earlier as part of a catch-up schedule; Td or Tdap should be given if it has been ≥ 10 years since Tdap
Hepatitis B	3 doses; (or 2 doses of Heplisav-B) for staff whose responsibilities include first aid; laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable

^{*} A reliable history of chickenpox includes a diagnosis of chickenpox, or interpretation of parent/guardian description of chickenpox, by a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or designee.