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## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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August 7, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The safety and health of our students is very important to Philadelphia E. & T. Charter High School. As a result, we adhere to the state mandated regulations pertaining to immunizations. This letter is to inform you that changes to the immunization requirements will go into effect for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Please take the time to contact your child's healthcare provider to ensure that he/she is up to date and compliant with their immunization requirements because students will not be allowed to attend school if they fail to meet the Pennsylvania immunization requirements. Furthermore, you can visit our website at [www.petchs.org](http://www.petchs.org) to review the immunization requirements for school entry and in addition, find a list of community health centers.

Please send health records to the attention of Mr. Puchon. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and as always, thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the school at (267) 514-1823.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Puchon, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C".

Charles J. Puchon, Jr.  
Head of Student Services



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#### **Back-to-School Immunization Clinics**

Pennsylvania Department of Health offers immunizations year-round to eligible children and adults at state health centers and through clinics at various community locations. Vaccinations are free for uninsured/underinsured adults, as well as for children through 18 years of age who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid eligible, or American Indian or Alaska Native.

Adults and children who meet the requirements to receive immunizations must call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) to schedule an appointment. A parent/legal guardian must accompany children who are receiving a vaccination. Department of Health staff will need to be notified prior to the appointment if someone other than the child's parent/legal guardian will be accompanying him/her.

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#### **Health Federation of Philadelphia ([www.healthfederation.org](http://www.healthfederation.org))**

The Health Federation of Philadelphia serves as a keystone supporting a network of Community Health Centers as well as the broader base of public and private-sector organizations that deliver health and human services to vulnerable populations.

There are local members of the Health Federation of Philadelphia. Most of these have multiple service delivery sites. Listed on the reverse side of this page is contact information for the main administrative offices of each organization.

Contact information for the members of the Health Federation of Philadelphia

**Bernett L. Johnson Sayre Health Center**

5800 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
Ph: 215-474-4444  
Executive Director: Fred Carey  
[www.sayrehealth.org](http://www.sayrehealth.org)

**Covenant House Health Services, Inc.**

251 East Brighthurst Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
215.844.1020  
CEO: Rosetta Smith  
[www.covenanthousehealth.org](http://www.covenanthousehealth.org)

**Delaware Valley Community Health, Inc.  
(DVCH)**

1420 Fairmount Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
Ph: 215.235.9600  
President/CEO: Patricia Deitch  
[www.dvch.org](http://www.dvch.org)

**Esperanza Health Center**

4417 N. 6th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140  
Ph: 215-302-3600  
Executive Director: Susan Post  
[www.esperanzahealthcenter.org](http://www.esperanzahealthcenter.org)

**Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc.  
(GPHA)**

1401 South 31st Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
Ph: 215.925.2400  
CEO: Ronald Heigler  
[www.gphainc.org](http://www.gphainc.org)

**Philadelphia Department of Public Health-  
Ambulatory Health Services**

1101 Market Street, 8th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Ph: 215.685.4758  
Director, Ambulatory Health Services: Thomas Storey, M.D.  
[www.phila.gov/health/AmbulatoryHealth/](http://www.phila.gov/health/AmbulatoryHealth/)

**Philadelphia Fight**

1233 Locust Street  
Third Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Ph: (215) 985-4448  
Executive Director: Jane Shull  
[www.fight.org](http://www.fight.org)

**Quality Community Health Care, Inc.  
(QCHC)**

2501 West Lehigh Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19132  
Ph: 215.227.0300  
Executive Director: Marcella Lingham  
[www.qchc.org](http://www.qchc.org)

**Spectrum Health Services, Inc.**

5201 Haverford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
Ph: 215.471.2750  
Chief Executive Officer: Phyllis Cater  
[www.spectrumhs.org](http://www.spectrumhs.org)

**The Family Practice & Counseling Network  
(FPCN)**

4700 Wissahickon Ave  
Building D, Suite 118  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Ph: 215.298.0405  
Executive Director: Donna Torrissi  
[www.fpcn.com](http://www.fpcn.com)



## Philadelphia Immunization Requirements for School Entry (2017/2018)

### Vaccines are required on the first day of school

A child must have at least one dose of all vaccinations, or risk exclusion

A child may have a documented medical, religious, or philosophical exemption from these vaccinations

Even if exempt, a child may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease

All grades	Doses	Notes
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (DTP/Dtap/DT/Td, or Tdap*)	4*	1st dose at/after age 4
Polio (OPV/IPV)	4	4th dose at/after age 4, at least 6 months after previous dose
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR/MMRV)	2	At/after age 1
Hepatitis B (HBV)	3	
Chickenpox (Varicella/MMRV)	2	At/after age 1*

  

6th and 7th grade	Doses	Notes
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)	1	At/after age 2
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)	1	At/after age 7

  

12th grade	Doses	Notes
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)	2	If 1st dose given at age 16 or older, only 1 dose is needed to enter 12th grade

\* Only 3 doses of Td-containing vaccine are necessary if series is started at or after age 7, and at least one dose is Tdap

\*\* Or documentation of immunity by lab test or written statement from parent, guardian, or physician

### If a child doesn't have required doses, they must within the first 5 days of school:

Receive the next dose, if medically appropriate

Have a parent/guardian provide a medical plan if the next dose isn't the final dose of the series

Have a parent/guardian provide a medical plan if the next dose is not medically appropriate

# SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING:



- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
  - 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
  - 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\*
  - 3 doses of hepatitis B
  - 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- \*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td*  
*\*\*A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose*  
*\*\*\*Usually given as MMR*



**ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (red and white card) within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 7TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade.
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7th grade.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

## FOR ATTENDANCE IN 12TH GRADE:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the twelfth grade dose.

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF 12TH GRADE**, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion.

These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.

**The vaccines required for entrance, 7th grade and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.**

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.



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# REQUISITOS DE VACUNACIÓN ESCOLAR PARA ASISTIR A LAS ESCUELAS DE PENNSILVANIA

## PARA ASISTIR A TODOS LOS GRADOS, LOS NIÑOS NECESITAN LAS SIGUIENTES VACUNAS:



- 4 dosis de la vacuna contra el tétanos, la difteria y la tos ferina acelular\* (1 dosis a partir de cumplir los 4 años)
- 4 dosis de la vacuna antipoliomielítica (4ta dosis a partir de cumplir los 4 años y, al menos, 6 meses después de la dosis anterior)\*\*
- 2 dosis de la vacuna contra el sarampión, las paperas y la rubéola\*\*\*
- 3 dosis de la vacuna contra la hepatitis B
- 2 dosis de la vacuna contra la varicela o evidencia de inmunidad

\* Por lo general, se aplica como DTP o DTaP o, si es recomendable desde el punto de vista médico, como DT o Td.

\*\* No es necesaria una cuarta dosis si la tercera dosis se administró a partir de los 4 años de edad y, al menos, 6 meses después de la dosis anterior.

\*\*\* Por lo general, se aplica como MMR.

**EL PRIMER DÍA DE ESCUELA**, a menos que el niño tenga una exención médica, religiosa o filosófica, debe haber recibido, al menos, una dosis de las vacunas antes mencionadas o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.

- Si el niño no tiene todas las dosis antes mencionadas, si necesita dosis adicionales y la siguiente dosis es apropiada desde el punto de vista médico, debe recibir dichas dosis en el transcurso de los primeros cinco días de clases o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela. Si la siguiente dosis no es la dosis final del esquema, debe presentar también un plan médico (tarjeta roja y blanca), en el transcurso de los primeros cinco días de clases, para recibir las vacunas obligatorias o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.
- Si el niño no tiene todas las dosis antes mencionada, si necesita dosis adicionales y la siguiente dosis no es apropiada desde el punto de vista médico, debe presentar un plan médico (tarjeta roja y blanca), en el transcurso de los primeros cinco días de clases, para recibir las vacunas obligatorias o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.
- Se debe cumplir con el plan médico o el niño corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.

### PARA ASISTIR A 7° GRADO:

- 1 dosis de la vacuna contra el tétanos, la difteria y la tos ferina acelular (Tdap) el primer día de 7° grado.
- 1 dosis de la vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada (MCV) el primer día de 7° grado.

**EL PRIMER DÍA DE 7° GRADO**, a menos que el niño tenga una exención médica, religiosa o filosófica, debe haber recibido las vacunas antes mencionadas o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.

### PARA ASISTIR A 12° GRADO:

- 1 dosis de MCV el primer día de 12° grado. Si se administró una dosis a partir de los 16 años de edad, dicha dosis será considerada como la dosis de 12° grado.

**EL PRIMER DÍA DE 12° GRADO**, a menos que el niño tenga una exención médica, religiosa o filosófica, debe haber recibido las vacunas antes mencionadas o corre el riesgo de ser excluido de la escuela.

**Las vacunas obligatorias para el ingreso escolar, 7° grado y 12° grado siguen siendo obligatorias cada año escolar posterior.**

Estos requisitos permiten las siguientes exenciones: motivos médicos, creencia religiosa o firme convicción filosófica, moral o ética. Incluso si su hijo está exento de la vacunación, podría ser excluido de la escuela durante un brote de una enfermedad evitable mediante vacunas.

Código de Pensilvania n.º 28, capítulo 23 (Vacunación escolar).  
Comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica o llame al  
1-877-PA-HEALTH para obtener más información.



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