

## Back to School Immunization Requirements for Georgia Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholars, New Entrants Grades 8-10

Effective July 1, 2014, all 7th grade scholars who were born on or after January 1, 2002, and all new entrants to grades 8-12 who are entering into a Georgia school for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than twelve months (one school year), will be required to have:

1 Dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Vaccine

and

1 Dose of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine

**PLEASE NOTE:** These changes only affect rising 7th graders (born on or after January 1, 2002), and scholars who are considered “new entrants” for grades 8-12.

The new Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 (Revised 7/2014) is a requirement for all scholars to register for school. The new 3231 Certificate of Immunization Form can be obtained from a community provider and/or local health departments who should also have access to GRITS (The Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services). Proof of both vaccinations MUST be documented on the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231).

Certificates issued prior to July 1, 2014 can be submitted only if the Form 3231 (Revised 3/2007)) shows proof of the two vaccinations unless the child has an exemption.

**NOTE NEW CHANGE:** Georgia Department of Public Health has developed a new Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization Form 2208 for use by all new scholars enrolling at Genesis this school year who wish to submit a religious exemption. You can find the new form at <https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/form-2208/download>

Please check to make sure your scholar has all required vaccinations even if the certificate is marked complete. If the Certificate is marked complete and the child does not have the required vaccines, he/she must return to their primary care provider or public health center to receive the required vaccines and be issued a new/updated certificate.

For more information, visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/vaccines-children> or call 1-800-848-3868.