



SCHOLAR HEALTH SERVICES

2024-2025 Back-to-School Immunization Requirements, Rising 7th Grade Scholars and New Entrants/Scholars for Grade 8

7th Grade: All 7th grade scholars who were born on or after January 1, 2002, and all new entrants to grade 8 who are entering 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 grade 8.

Additionally, 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 **Form 3231 (*Revised 3/2007*)** shows proof of the two vaccinations unless the child has an exemption.

The Georgia Department of Public Health has developed an **Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization Form 2208** for use by scholars enrolling in a public school who wish to submit a **religious exemption**. You can find the form at <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines> under Religious Exemption.

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 the Georgia Department of Public Health - <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines> or call 404-657-3158; or the Fulton County Board of Health - <https://fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fultoncounty/fulton-county-departments/board-of-health/public-health/immunizations> or call 404-612-4000.

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