



School Vaccination and Health Requirements

ATTENTION PARENTS:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that all students attending public and private schools submit evidence from a physical that they have received the immunizations listed below. (School Immunization – 28 Pa. CODE CH.23)

Please present a copy of immunization book, clinic record, or physician's record to PCS's Admission Department at the time of enrollment to Portersville Christian School. The school nurse will examine the record and inform you if your child needs any further immunizations. Documentation must be received by Portersville Christian School before the student is permitted to attend school. The state of Pennsylvania allows for a five-day provision starting with the first day of school for required vaccines to be completed.

The required immunizations for students in all grades K through 12 are as follows:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (1 dose on or after 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 and rubella (usually given as MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

Children in grade 7 need:

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

Children in grade 12 need:

- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) unless first dose was given at 16 years of age or older

Note: The vaccines required for entrance, 7th, and 12th grades continue to be required in each succeeding school year.

Immunization records for new families may be emailed to admissions@ourpcs.org or faxed to 724-368-3100.

Immunization records for current families may be emailed to nurse@ourpcs.org or faxed to 724-368-3100.

The only exception to the PA School Laws for Immunizations are for medical reasons or moral/religious beliefs. It is mandatory that an exemption note be provided to the school with required physician's signature (for medical exemptions) and parent/guardian signature (for moral/religious exemptions). If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Additionally, students in the following grades are also required to provide an updated **PHYSICAL** and/or **DENTAL EXAMINATION** to the school nurse prior to the start of school:

- **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** – All students **entering Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 11th grade**
In addition, all students new to PCS must submit a Physician's Physical Examination Report to the nurse's office prior to the start of the school year.
- **DENTAL EXAMINATION** – All students **entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 7th grade**
In addition, all students new to PCS must submit a Dental Examination Report to the nurse's office prior to the start of the school year.

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