

Immunization Requirements

Materials for school and child care assessments will be updated prior to their 2023 assessment cycles.

On March 9, 2023, the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules voted to suspend some of the recently added changes to Wisconsin's administrative code ([Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 144](#)) that pertained to school and child care immunization requirements. The changes were originally published in late January, and were effective as of February 1, 2023.

Requirements for polio, hepatitis B, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), DTaP/DTP/DT/TD (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) that were in effect before January 2023 **have not changed.**

The changes impacted by the suspension included:

Report of chickenpox (varicella) disease

Suspended rule: A physician, physician assistant, or an advanced practice nurse prescriber must document a reliable history of chickenpox by indicating on the department's student immunization record form that the student has had chickenpox.

Current rule: Parental report of chickenpox is acceptable.

Substantial outbreak definition

Suspended rule: Updating the definitions of "substantial outbreak" to add chickenpox and meningococcal disease to the definitions.

Current rule: The diseases still included in the substantial outbreak definition are measles, mumps, rubella, polio, pertussis, diphtheria, and haemophilus influenzae type b.

MenACWY containing vaccine requirement

Suspended rule: Adding MenACWY containing vaccine to the requirements for students entering seventh grade, and a booster dose for eligible students entering 12th grade.

Current rule: MenACWY containing vaccine is not required for school entry.

The changes not impacted by the suspension and remain in effect included:

- Changing the grade the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccine) is required from the start of sixth grade to the start of seventh grade; this change is to better align with the recommended age (age 11) at which children should receive the vaccine.
- Requiring schools to provide reports of vaccine compliance to DHS in addition to the previously existing requirement to report to local health departments.
- Removing outdated provisions relating to the 2008–2009 phase-in of Tdap and chickenpox vaccines.

*******Updated 2023-2024 Immunization Requirements will follow once DHS releases the requirements on their website. There should be minimal changes from previous years due to the legislative suspension on March 9th, 2023*******