
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

SCHOOL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

In addition to all vaccines previously required for school attendance, the following **ADDITIONAL** vaccines are required for the upcoming 2020-21 school year:

Childcare Facility/Preschool: (children <i>new</i> to the Hawaii school system)	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) Hepatitis A (Hep A)
Kindergarten (<i>all</i> students):	Hep A
Grades 1 – 6 (students <i>new</i> to the Hawaii school system):	Hep A
7th Grade (<i>all</i> students):	Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
Grade 7 – 12 (students <i>new</i> to the Hawaii school system):	Hep A Tdap HPV MCV
Post-secondary school:	Varicella Tdap MCV (first-year students living in on-campus housing only)

For detailed information on the number of doses, minimum ages/intervals and exceptions, see the recently updated **Immunization Requirements Summary** at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2019/10/Immunization-Requirements-Summary.pdf>

Key updates include:

- Table 4: In Notes section for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, added: “A 5th dose is not needed if 4th dose is given at age ≥ 4 years *and at least 6 months after DTaP 3.*”
Changed minimum age for Tdap from 11 years to 10 years.
- Table 6: Clarified that students 7 years and older not fully immunized with DTaP may receive either Tdap or Td for completion of series initiated with Tdap.

PROVISIONAL ENTRANCE AND MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Students who have not completed the required immunizations by the first day of school may attend school *provisionally* if they submit written evidence from their health care provider that they are in the process of completing the missing requirements (e.g., an appointment slip). Students admitted provisionally must complete the requirements within three months after the date of provisional entrance.

Medical exemptions from the requirements for specific immunizing agents are allowed if the student has a stated contraindication or precaution to a vaccine, for a specific period of time, in conformance with recognized standard medical practices. A copy of the Medical Exemption Form (updated October 2019) required for this process is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the Immunization Branch at (808) 586-8300 or toll-free at 1-800-933-4832.

