

School Immunizations

Why they are important and what they prevent



Why school vaccines are important?

Keeping keiki up to date on their immunizations helps protect them from serious illnesses but also protects babies too young to be vaccinated, our kupuna, and others who may have compromised or limited immunity. Immunizations help the entire community stay healthy! And when keiki stay healthy, that means they can focus on growing, learning, and thriving.

The following vaccines are required for all students entering Kindergarten or Hawaii schools for the first time:

What are the required school immunizations and what do they prevent?

Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP)

- **Diphtheria** - a disease that can cause difficulty breathing, heart failure, paralysis, and death
- **Tetanus** - a disease that cause painful muscles stiffening
- **Pertussis** - aka Whooping Cough

Hepatitis A (Hep A) - a painful liver infection

Hepatitis B (Hep B) - another serious liver infection

Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)

- **Measles** - a highly contagious disease that starts like a cold but develops into a rash and can lead to serious illness
- **Mumps** - a highly contagious disease that starts like a cold and leads to swelling in the face and neck
- **Rubella** - a contagious disease with symptoms similar to a cold but can lead to very serious complications if a pregnant woman catches it

Polio (IPV) - a potentially deadly disease that may cause paralysis

Varicella - aka chickenpox



Before starting the 7th grade
There are three additional required vaccines

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)- a common virus that can lead to cancer later in life for males and females

Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV) - a serious illness that can lead to infections of the brain, spinal cord, bloodstream, and even death

Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap)- this vaccine is similar to the DTaP series but for older kids



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