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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Wisconsin state law on school vaccine entry requirements has been updated. **The changes apply to the 2024-2025 school year** and align with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the CDC’s national recommendations. The update requires students to get a meningococcal vaccination (MenACWY) when starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade and another one when starting 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Wisconsin state statute continues to permit [waivers](#) to vaccination for reasons of health, personal, or religious convictions. Also new for the 2024-2025 school year is that the exemption to getting the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be allowed in both childcare centers and schools if the child has had varicella (chicken pox) diagnosed by a qualified healthcare provider.

Please visit this link for the Student Immunization Law Age/Grade Requirements document from the state translated into multiple languages: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/collection/p44021>

Sincerely,  
 Brown County Public Health, Oneida Nation Public Health, & De Pere Public Health

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 Start the school year off right by getting the required immunizations well ahead of time! Reach out to your medical provider for an appointment or to request vaccination with “back-to school” or sports physical appointments.

Some children may be eligible for free immunization at N.E.W. Community Clinic (<https://www.newcc.health/>, Tel: 920-437-7206) or through your Local/Tribal Health Department’s “Vaccine for Children” program (contact your Local Tribal Health Department: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/counties/index.htm>).

**Wisconsin Vaccination School Requirements (Wis. Admin Code DHS 144)**

<b>2023-2024 School Year</b>	<b>2024-2025 School Year</b>
<p><b>For Kindergarten entry - 7<sup>th</sup> grd</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doses of polio vaccine</li> <li>• 3 doses of hepatitis B</li> <li>• 4 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/TD</li> <li>• 2 doses of varicella (chickenpx)</li> <li>• 2 doses of MMR</li> </ul> <p><b>For entry to 7th grade:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 dose of Tdap</li> </ul>	<p><b>For Kindergarten entry - 7<sup>th</sup> grd</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 doses of polio vaccine</li> <li>• 3 doses of hepatitis B</li> <li>• 4 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/TD</li> <li>• 2 doses of varicella (chickenpx)</li> <li>• 2 doses of MMR</li> </ul> <p><b>For entry to 7th grade:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 dose of Tdap</li> <li>• 1 MenACWY-containing vaccine</li> </ul> <p><b>For entry to 12th grade:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 MenACWY-containing booster (2nd dose in series)</li> </ul>

