

**In re: Approved Means of Immunization Pursuant to Sections
3701.13 and 3313.671 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

Director's Journal Entry

I, Alvin D. Jackson, M.D., Director of Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to Sections 3701.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby approve the following methods of immunization against the diseases specified in Section 3313.671 of the Revised Code for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of that section.

- 1) Unless otherwise exempt, pupils who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 shall have:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis:

Five (5) vaccine preparations are available and the child's physician shall decide which preparation is appropriate. The vaccines are DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis), DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis), DT (Diphtheria and Tetanus), and Td (Tetanus and diphtheria, Adult), and Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis, adolescent and adult formulation). Four or more doses of DTaP, DTP or DT (Pediatric) vaccine, or any combination thereof, is the minimum acceptable. Three doses of Td (Adult) is the minimum acceptable for children age seven (7) and up. Children who received all four (4) primary immunizing doses before their fourth birthday are required to receive a single dose of DTaP, DTP, or DT prior to entering kindergarten. This booster dose is not necessary if the fourth dose in the primary series was given after the fourth birthday. A child who is age seven or older, and who received Td (Adult) vaccine as the third part of this immunization series, shall not be required to receive further doses of diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis vaccine.

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, and each year thereafter, one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis, adolescent and adult formulation) or Td (Tetanus and diphtheria, adult) vaccine shall be required prior to entry into the seventh (7th) grade. This dose is intended to be administered as a booster dose for students who have completed the required doses of the initial series of DTaP/DT/Td vaccine. This requirement shall be enforced progressively; therefore, the requirement shall be extended to 7th - 8th grade students in 2011, 7th - 9th grade students in 2012, 7th -

10th grade students in 2013, 7th – 11th grade students in 2014, and 7th – 12th grade students in 2015.

Polio:

Two (2) vaccine preparations were available until 2000, Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV). Beginning in 2000, Oral Polio Vaccine distribution was terminated in the United States. However, Oral Polio Vaccine is still widely used in other countries. If a series consisting of all OPV or all IPV is received, at least three doses are required. If the third dose of the series was received prior to the fourth birthday, a fourth dose is required.

If any combination of IPV and OPV were received, four doses of either vaccine are required.

Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, for all pupils entering Kindergarten, the final dose of polio vaccine must have been administered on or after the fourth (4th) birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses. This requirement shall be enforced progressively; therefore, the requirement shall be extended to K-1 students in 2011, K-2 students in 2012, K-3 students in 2013, K-4 students in 2014, K-5 students in 2015, K-6 students in 2016, K-7 students in 2017, K-8 students in 2018, K-9 students in 2019, K-10 students in 2020, K-11 students in 2021 and K-12 students in 2022.

Pupils who are age eighteen (18) and above shall not be required to receive either polio vaccine.

Special Note: Students enrolled in school in or after the 1999-2000 school year must have received a total of four (4) or more doses of polio vaccine. Students enrolled prior to the 1999-2000 school year are required to have a minimum of three (3) doses.

Measles:

Two (2) doses of live virus measles vaccine are required for all students in grades K-12. The first dose must have been administered on or after a child's first (1st) birthday and the second (2nd) dose a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days later in order for a child to be in compliance. A student who presents laboratory evidence of immunity shall be exempt from the second dose requirement.