

## **Back to School Immunizations**

Children attending any childcare facility, pre-kindergarten, Head Start program, nursery, or school in Georgia are required to have [Form 3231](#) on file. This includes public and private operations and all enterprises, educational programs, and institutions involved in the care, supervision, or instruction of children. Certificates are required for all children through grade 12.

### *7th Grade Immunization Requirements*

In Georgia, all children born on or after January 1, 2002, who are attending seventh grade, and children who are new entrants into a Georgia school in grades eight through twelve, must have received one dose of Tdap vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine to fulfill immunization requirements.

### *11th Grade Immunization Requirements*

Before starting the 2023-2024 school year, all students entering or transferring into 11th grade will need proof of a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4), unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma, and death within hours of the first symptoms. To help protect your children and others from meningitis, Georgia law requires students be vaccinated against this disease, unless the child has an exemption.

Please visit <https://coastalhealthdistrict.org/programs-services/immunizationsvaccinations/> for more information.