



Immunization requirements for students enrolled in public or private schools in the state of Kentucky have been updated effective for the 2011-12 academic year. 902 KAR 2:060 regulates immunization requirements. This is the first immunization update to this regulation since 2002. This update is in response to the addition of several recommended vaccines to the Immunization Schedule as published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

**2011-12 Requirements for 6th grade entry (11-12 y.o.):**

1. Tdap Vaccine, regardless of first dose of this immunization
2. Meningococcal Vaccine
3. Varicella Vaccine (Chicken Pox) Vaccine --second dose **OR** Physician documentation that the child has had this disease
4. **6th Grade Physical Exam** on KDE approved form. This is **different than a Sports Physical** which cannot be accepted as the entry into 6th grade physical. The Healthcare provider will complete the Sports Physical on a separate form

Additionally, students regardless of age or grade level, entering Kentucky schools starting 2011-2012 school year, must be current on all vaccinations according to the new regulation changes. For example, if a student is transferring into 2nd grade from out of state, the student will be required to have all the vaccinations that were required when entering Kindergarten in the state of Kentucky. Likewise, if entering 7th grade and beyond, the student will be required to be current on all vaccinations that were required when entering 6th grade in the state of Kentucky.

Immunization certificates must have all age appropriate immunizations on a **signed** Commonwealth of Kentucky Immunization Certificate having a **valid expiration date & the administration date of each immunization**. Certificates issued after July 1 must be on the new Commonwealth of Kentucky Immunization Certificate EPID-230 (Rev 08/2010). Certificates not meeting these requirements will be returned to the parent/guardian for correction from the Healthcare provider.

In Owensboro, Immunizations may be obtained from:

1. Green River District Health Department 1600 Breckenridge St. Appointment recommended--call 270-686-7744
2. Foust Health Center at Foust Elementary School -601 Foust Avenue. Appointment required--call 270-683-2193
3. Immunizations are offered at some Pediatrician offices in Owensboro. Call your Pediatrician to find out if immunizations are available in-office.

If you have any questions, please contact your Health Care Provider of Green River District Health Department.