



FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

Immunization Policy

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of School Health, all Friends' Central students must be properly immunized and must provide verification of immunizations. Children who are not immunized are at risk themselves and pose a risk to members of our community who are immunocompromised.

The following immunizations are required by 28 PA.CODE CH 23.81 for all students entering Kindergarten and above:

- Four doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine
- Four doses of polio vaccine
- Three doses of hepatitis B
- Two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine
- Two doses of varicella vaccine

For students entering grade 7, these additional vaccines are required:

- One dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine
- One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine

For students entering grade 12, this vaccine is required if not given at 16 years or older:

- One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine

Exemptions:

At this time, the Pennsylvania Department of School Health accepts some exemptions from the law. These include a medical exemption signed by a physician stating the immunization would endanger the life or health of the student, a religious exemption, and a philosophical/ strong moral or ethical conviction exemption. Parents/guardians must sign the certificate of immunization for the last two exemptions.

Friends' Central School nurses monitor the immunization status of each student. Parents seeking an exemption must complete additional paperwork and provide required documentation. Friends' Central nurses complete and submit a state mandated School Immunization Law Report annually.

It is important for FCS families to understand students with exemptions may be excluded from school at the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Health should an outbreak of a disease for which they are not immunized occur.