

## Immunization Guidelines for 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

State law requires that all children entering school in West Virginia for the first time, unless properly medically exempted, must be immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, and rubella. Private physicians may not authorize requirements or exemptions conflicting with those standing requirements for first time enterers.

In addition to the standard school entry requirements, the following immunizations are recommended for sixth and ninth grade students in West Virginia:

### Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Grade Students

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**Tdap / Td** One dose recommended for children who have not had a booster since kindergarten entry.  
Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis /  
Tetanus, Diphtheria

**MCV4 / MPSV4** One dose recommended.  
Meningococcal

**HPV** Three doses recommended for female students.  
Human Papillomavirus  
Standard schedule: First dose at age 11-12. Second dose 2 months after the first dose. Third dose 6 months after the first dose.

### Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Grade Students \*\*

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**Tdap / Td** One dose recommended for children who have not had a booster since kindergarten entry.  
Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis  
Tetanus, Diphtheria

**MCV4 / MPSV4** One dose recommended, if not previously given.  
Meningococcal

**HPV** Three doses recommended for female students, if not previously given  
Human Papillomavirus  
See standard schedule noted above.

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**WV Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered  
≤ 4 days before the minimum interval or age be counted as valid**

\*\* Exceptions: **Tdap / Td**: Children entering the 9th grade do not need Tdap/Td vaccine if they were vaccinated at 6th grade entry or at any time since. **MCV4 / MPSV4**: Children entering the 9th grade do not need Meningococcal vaccine if they were vaccinated at 6th grade entry or at any time since. **HPV**: Female children entering the 9th grade do not need HPV vaccine if they received three doses at 6th grade entry or at any time since.