

## North Carolina Vaccine Requirements for Students



Effective in 2020, North Carolina law implemented new immunization requirements for students entering 7th and 12th grades. These regulations are designed to protect students and the broader community from preventable diseases.

Specifically, all students entering 7th grade are now required to have received a Tdap booster vaccine and a meningococcal vaccine. The Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough), while the meningococcal vaccine protects against several strains of meningococcal disease, a serious bacterial infection that can cause meningitis and other severe complications.

In addition to the 7th-grade requirements, the law also mandates a meningococcal booster vaccine for all high school seniors. This booster is crucial as the protection provided by the initial meningococcal vaccine can decrease over time, leaving older adolescents vulnerable to infection. By requiring this booster, the state aims to ensure that students are adequately protected during their later high school years, a period when they may be at increased risk due to social activities and living in close quarters, such as dormitories.

These immunization requirements are essential for maintaining public health and preventing outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. By ensuring that students are vaccinated, North Carolina is taking proactive steps to protect its youth and create a safer environment for all.

### Tdap FAQs

#### **Attention Parents/Guardians:**

Is your student entering 7th or 12th grade? They may be due for required vaccines!

North Carolina Immunization law mandates the following:

- **7th Grade:** Tdap and Meningitis Vaccines
- **12th Grade:** Meningitis Booster Vaccine

Don't delay! Ensure your student is protected.

#### **Schedule an appointment today!**

Call (919) 989-5550 and leave a voicemail with the following information:

- Your Name

- Student's Name
- Student's Date of Birth
- Your Phone Number

You will receive a call back to schedule your student's vaccine(s).

Please remember to bring a copy of your student's Vaccine Record and Insurance Card to the clinic.

Make your appointment today!

Su estudiante de 7mo o 12mo grado puede que necesite 1 o más vacunas.

La ley de Inmunización de Carolina del Norte requiere las siguientes vacunas:

**7mo Grado** - Vacunas Tdap y Meningitis

**12mo Grado** - Vacuna de Refuerzo contra la Meningitis

**¡No se demore, llame hoy!**

**Regístrese para citas llamando al: (919) 989-5550**

Deje un mensaje de voz con su nombre, el nombre y la fecha de nacimiento del estudiante y el número de teléfono.

Recibirá una llamada para programar las vacunas de su estudiante. Por favor traiga una copia del registro de vacunación y la tarjeta de seguro médico de su estudiante a la clínica.

¡Haga su cita hoy!

Por favor traiga una copia del registro de vacunas y de la tarjeta de seguro de su hijo.

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