

## **Temple Beth Shalom Policy on Immunizations**

Because we care about the health of all members of our community, parents are required to certify that each child's immunizations are up to date according to the Anne Arundel County Department of Health immunization requirements for enrolled students in Maryland schools (<https://www.aahealth.org/immunizations/>) in order to attend our school.

Medically-necessary exemptions must be certified by a physician.

Parents send their children to religious school and assume that their children will enjoy themselves, have positive social interactions, learn from the rich Jewish environment and be safe and healthy. Safety and public health are priorities for Temple Beth Shalom. The vaccination of all members of the community is essential in order to maintain a safe environment and decrease the risk of transmission of preventable illnesses.

The establishment of a safe environment must therefore include the requirement that all participants be adequately immunized against all of the preventable diseases as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. While parents may choose to defer the vaccination of their children, for our school this is not an issue of individual rights and choice, but an issue of public health and policy. The routine vaccination of all children, staff and faculty is an important public health matter.

As a sacred community, we have an obligation to protect the health of all of our students. Students who are not up to date with their immunizations place those who are medically unable to be immunized at significant risk.

### **Science**

The experts are unequivocal on the science behind the health benefits of immunization. Vaccination protects children. Please see the sites of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip>), the American Academy of Pediatrics (<http://www.aap.org>), the American Academy of Family Physicians (<http://www.aafp.org>), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (<http://www.acog.org>) for more information.

### **Judaism**

Given the science, Judaism is equally unequivocal on the subject. The highest Jewish value is pikuach nefesh – saving a life. The Central Conference of American Rabbis has stated “Jewish tradition would define immunization as part of the mitzvah of healing and recognize it as a required measure, since we are not entitled to endanger ourselves or the children for whom we are responsible... There are no valid Jewish religious grounds to support the refusal to immunize as a general principle.”



## Immunization Certification

I certify that immunizations for my child(ren):

Child #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4: \_\_\_\_\_

are up to date according to the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Health immunization requirements (<https://www.aahealth.org/immunizations/>).

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print parent name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

For those exempting from this, please provide documentation from a physician indicating your child is not being vaccinated for medical reasons.

# Vaccine Requirements for Children

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Vaccine Current Age of Child	DTaP/DTP/DT <sup>1</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	Hib <sup>3</sup>	Measles, <sup>2,4</sup> Mumps, Rubella	Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup> (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	PCV <sup>3</sup> (Prevnar <sup>TM</sup> )
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

  

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade							
Grade Level Grade (Ungraded)	DTaP/DTP/Tdap/ DT/Ta <sup>1,6</sup>	Tdap <sup>6</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	Measles, <sup>2,4</sup> Mumps, Rubella	Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup> (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	Meningococcal
Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4	(5 -9 yrs) 4 or 3	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grades 5 - 6	(9 - 11 yrs) 3	0	3	2	1 or 2	3	0
Grade 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	(11 - 17 yrs) 3	1	3	2	1 or 2	3	1
Grades 12	(17 - 18+ yrs) 3	0	3	2	1 or 2	3	0