



**Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH)
Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)**

Maryland Center for Immunization

2016-17 Annual School Immunization Survey

- Survey Instructions -

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Instructions for Annual School Immunization Survey

I. Introduction

Thank you for completing the *2016-2017 Annual School Immunization Survey*. Please review the following instructions before you complete the survey. In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.09, **ALL** Maryland public and private schools are required to report the vaccination status of their students to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) on an annual basis. The purpose of the Annual Report of School Immunization Status survey is to provide vaccination coverage estimates for school-aged children, ensure high vaccination coverage, and identify any areas of low coverage.

II. General Instructions:

- Please complete all information in ink.
- This survey is for student in Kindergarten through grade 12. Please do not enter information on preschool or Pre-K students.
- Answer all questions. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK.** A “0” (zero) may be used to either indicate missing information or valid numeric information indicating a count less than 1. If a section is not applicable to your school, please enter “0” in those boxes. If a question is left blank, we will assume that you missed the question and we will be contacting you to complete the information.

III. Minimum Vaccine Requirements:

Please refer to the “Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-School Programs and in Schools, Maryland School Year 2016-2017” document to determine age-appropriate immunity for kindergarten through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and DHMH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at <http://tinyurl.com/hk93z97>

IV. Non-graded students

These are students who are assigned to programs or classes without standard grade designation. These students should be recorded in the grade category that best corresponds with the students’ age. Please refer to the table below for additional guidance.

| Student’s Age | Record in Grade Category | Review new or all student records |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age 5 | Kindergarten (K) | All |
| Age 6 to 11 | Grade 1 – 5 | New only |
| Age 11 to 12 | Grade 6 | New only |
| Age 12 to 13 | Grade 7 | New only |
| Age 13 to 14 | Grade 8 | New only |
| Age 14 to 18+ | Grade 9 – 12 | New only |



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V. Survey questions:

Sections A & B: Complete all contact/school information as indicated.

Question 1: Record the total number of students by grade level currently enrolled in the entire school. This count should be based on **ALL** students enrolled, regardless of whether they are newly enrolled or have medical/religious exemptions.

For questions 2-14, include ALL Kindergarten students and ONLY newly enrolled students to your school building in grades 1-12. Newly enrolled students refer to students in that grade who were NOT enrolled in your school building the previous year. If students are enrolling from a feeder school (i.e. Elementary to Middle; Middle to High), they would be considered NEWLY ENROLLED to your school and counted as NEW.

Question 2: The “Number of students who have a medical exemption” is a count of students with a documented (by a health care provider) permanent or temporary medical exemption or contraindication on file. **These students should not be included in questions 4-12.**

Question 3: The “Number of students who have a religious exemption” is a count of students whose parents have signed the religious exemption portion of the official Maryland Immunization Certificate (DHMH 896). **These students should not be included in questions 4-12.**

Question 4: The “Number of students with immunization records” is a count of students that have provided an immunization record regardless if they are up to date or not. ****NOTE:** Do not include students with medical or religious exemptions in this count.

Question 5: The “Number of students without immunization records” is a count of students that have not provided an immunization record. ****NOTE:** Do not include students with medical or religious exemptions in this count.

Question 6: The “Total number of students with and without records being reviewed” is a sum of the responses in questions #4 and #5.

The questions in this section (questions 7-12) are designed to assess the number of students with immunization records who NEED (i.e. doses are missing) one or more of the following vaccine doses listed. **NOTE:** Students with exemptions are not counted as students needing a dose of vaccine and should not be included in these questions.

EXAMPLE: If one newly enrolled student in 3rd grade needs one dose of Polio vaccine **AND** one newly enrolled student in 4th grade needs two doses of Polio vaccine **THEN** the TOTAL number of students needing one or more doses of Polio vaccines is **2**.



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- Question 7: **Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of DTaP/Td/DT/Tdap vaccine:** is a count of any student who has less than four doses required for students less than 7 years of age, and less than the three doses required for students 7 years and older. ****NOTE:** Students in 7th – 9th grade are required to have 1 dose of Tdap vaccine.
- Question 8: **Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Polio vaccine:** is a count of any student who has less than the required 3 doses.
- Question 9: **Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine:** is a count of any student who has less than the required number of MMR vaccine doses.
- Question 10: **Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Hepatitis B vaccine:** is a count of students who have less than the required 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
- Question 11: **Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Varicella vaccine:** is a count of students who have less than the required number of varicella vaccine doses or no history of chickenpox disease. ****NOTE:** Students in grades K-2 are required to have 2 doses of Varicella vaccine.
- Question 12: **Number of 7th Grade students that NEED 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine:** is a count of 7th grade students who have no doses of Meningococcal vaccine. ****NOTE:** Students in 7th – 9th grade are required to have 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine.

VI. Submitting the Survey

The Annual Report (online OR paper) should be completed and submitted to DHMH **no later than Close of Business (COB) Tuesday, November 15, 2016**.

The Annual Report of School Immunization Status questionnaire should be completed online at <http://tinyurl.com/h8wl86n>.

If you are unable to complete the online form, you may submit the enclosed Annual Report form (DHMH 1013-7/16) by fax or mailing to the address on the form. Please note that the Annual Report survey should be submitted only once, either online OR on paper via fax or mail.

If you need assistance or need to make corrections after your submission, please call the Center for Immunization at 410-767-6679.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Annual School Immunization Survey

Do private schools have to complete the survey?

- ✓ Yes. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.09 requires all Maryland public and private schools to report the vaccination status of their students to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) on an annual basis.

Do I have to complete the survey if my school only includes pre-school or pre-kindergarten?

- ✓ No. Preschool and pre-kindergarten are not included in this survey.

Is this survey required for home schooled children?

- ✓ No.

Should I review the records of all students in grades K-12?

- ✓ For kindergarten students: Yes. All kindergarten records should be reviewed, including records of students who were enrolled in your pre-school program the prior year.
- ✓ For students in grades 1-12: No. You should only review the records of students who are newly enrolled in your school for this academic year.

Do I count students with exemptions as students who are in need of vaccines?

- ✓ No. Students with exemptions should not be included in your children who are in need of vaccines.

What should I record if I do not have information for one of the items?

- ✓ Please complete all fields. If a question does not pertain to your school, please fill in "0" (zero).

Can I include information for several schools on one form?

- ✓ No. You will need to create a separate form for each school. Each school must be a unique entry in the database. *Please do not aggregate your data.*

Can I print a copy of my online survey for my records?

- ✓ Yes, prior to clicking the "SUBMIT" button at the end of the survey, right click the survey and print it. If you have already completed the survey without printing it and would like a copy, please call the Center for Immunization at (410) 767-6679 and we will email or fax you a copy.

If I sent in the paper form do I need to complete the online survey?

- ✓ No. If you mailed or faxed in a hard copy, you do not need to complete the online survey. Although, we would prefer that you complete the online survey rather than fax or mail a hard copy.

Do I have to print and mail in a hard copy of the online survey?

- ✓ No. If you complete the online survey, you do not need to print and mail a copy in. You may want to print a copy for your own records though.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)Name of person completing report: _____ County/Jurisdiction: _____
(Distinguish Between Baltimore City and County)

Date report completed: ____ / ____ / 2016 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

B. SCHOOL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name of school: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Grade levels (check all that apply): K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12Type of School (check one): public private/non-public

| TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION | | Total K | Total G1-5 | Total G6 | Total G7 | Total G8 | Total G9-12 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 | TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT - Include ALL students in the school for each grade | | | | | | |

| IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS | | All K | New G1-5 only | New G6 only | New G7 only | New G8 only | New G9-12 only |
|--|--|-------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>NOTE: Do NOT include these students in questions 4-12</i> | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Number of students with medical exemptions | | | | | | |
| 3 | Number of students with religious exemptions | | | | | | |

NOTE: For the rest of the questions, consider ALL kindergarten students and ONLY NEWLY ENROLLED IN YOUR SCHOOL BUILDING grade 1-12 students. **Students with exemptions should not be included in these questions.**

| STUDENTS TO BE SURVEYED | | All K | New G1-5 only | New G6 only | New G7 only | New G8 only | New G9-12 only |
|---|--|-------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>(All kindergarten students and new to your building students in grades 1-12)</i> | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Number of students with immunization records (Do not include students with medical or religious exemptions) | | | | | | |
| 5 | Number of students without immunization records on file (Do not include students with medical or religious exemptions) | | | | | | |
| 6 | Add questions #4 and #5 - Number of students surveyed | | | | | | |
| STUDENTS FROM QUESTION #6 THAT ARE NOT UP TO DATE | | All K | New G1-5 only | New G6 only | New G7 only | New G8 only | New G9-12 only |
| <i>(Do not include students with medical or religious exemptions)</i> | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of DTaP/DTP/ DT /Tdap /Td vaccine | | | | | | |
| 8 | Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Polio vaccine | | | | | | |
| 9 | Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of MMR vaccine | | | | | | |
| 10 | Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Hepatitis B vaccine | | | | | | |
| 11 | Number of students that NEED 1 or more doses of Varicella vaccine | | | | | | |
| 12 | Number of 7 th – 9 th graders that NEED 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine | | | | | | |

Complete survey online at <http://tinyurl.com/h8wl86n> by November 15, 2016

If you are unable to complete online, return by fax or mail to:

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