

Health Requirements for Registration and Attendance

Requirements for students entering Lawrence County Schools from other Tennessee school systems:

- TN Certificate of Immunization: These students have **No grace period** for immunizations—they must have these **before** they can attend school. Students should comply with requirements for the date they entered school (number of vaccines, spacing, and type of immunization form). If the records show deficiencies when received in LCSS, parents will be notified and allotted time to get the corrections made.
- Vaccines must be documented on an official Tennessee Department of Health Immunization Certificate.
- Physical: No proof of a physical is required for an in-state transfer **unless the student is in Kindergarten.**

Requirements for students entering Lawrence County schools from other states:

- TN Certificate of Immunization: The students have **NO grace period** for immunizations—they must have these **before** they can attend school. All of the following vaccines with the prescribed spacing for kindergarten students:DTaP (including 4y dose), MMR (2 dose), Polio (complete including 4 y dose), Hepatitis B complete, Hepatitis A (2 dose) and Varicella (2 dose or disease). Grades 1-12 will go by the same requirements but should be completed in kindergarten with the exception of 7th graders. All incoming 7th graders will need to receive a Tdap booster. See *Diseases Covered by Tennessee Child Care and School Immunization Requirements Sheet*.
- Vaccines must be documented on the TN Department of Health Immunization Certificate.
- Physical: Students need proof of a physical **w/in the last calendar year**. It can be from an out of state provider. They must have it to start school. They will need to bring a copy of it with them when they turn in the vaccine certificate.

Home Schools: Students who have been homeschooled are held to the same immunization requirements as are student attending public schools in TN; so students entering LCSS from homeschooling settings have **the same immunization requirements as any in-state transfer** (see above).” (9) Proof shall be submitted to the local director of schools that the home school student has been vaccinated as required by § 49-6-5001 and has received any other health services or examinations as may be required by law generally for children in this state;” (<http://tnhomeed.com/49-6-3050.html>) They will also **need proof of a physical** w/in the last 12 months.

Foreign exchange students: These students have been through a rigorous application process and have been approved by the Director of Schools. They do not require additional documents.

Military Families changing duty stations: Students will have the same requirements as students who would be entering Lawrence County schools from other states. There will be **NO grace period** for providing proof of the immunization/physicals for children of active duty servicemen/women who **change duty stations. Out-of-state immunization records are sufficient proof when enrolling a student with parents serving in the military.**

Physicals (summary): Students entering LCSS from other TN schools will NOT be required to provide proof of a physical to start classes unless entering Kindergarten. We will only require proof of a physical (done within the past calendar year) for students entering LCSS from :

- Private schools
- Home schools
- Out-of-state schools
- Other countries (ALSO–If a student has been attending a Lawrence County School, moves out of the country *for 6 months or longer*, and then returns, a new physical is required.)

The Lawrence County Health Department will do physicals only if the child does not have any insurance.

Alternative proof of immunity for certain diseases: A positive serology (year of test documented) is acceptable as an alternative to immunization for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and varicella. For varicella, documentation of provider-diagnosed varicella (year) or provider-verified history of disease given by a parent or guardian (year) also is acceptable. By documenting a history of the disease, the provider is asserting that he or she is convinced that the child has had chickenpox.

Children with exemptions to immunization requirements:

- **Medical:** A physician or the health department is authorized to indicate specific vaccines that are medically exempted (it must be due to risk of harm) on the TN Immunization Certificate. Other vaccines remain required. **Nurse Practitioners (APNs) and Physician's Assistants (PAs) are not authorized to sign medical exemptions.
- **Religious:** Requires a *signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices*. If documentation of a health examination is required, it should be noted by the healthcare provider performing the physical on the immunization certificate.

Minimum ages or dose intervals:

Tennessee follows published CDC guidelines, which have been approved by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices). For vaccines with critical minimum age requirements (e.g., MMR, varicella) or minimum dose intervals, doses can be considered valid when given up to 4 days before the minimum age or dose interval. *Doses administered more than 4 days early are considered invalid and should be repeated as recommended.*

The Lawrence County Health Department can perform school physicals with an appointment **to those who are uninsured**. Students on TennCare or that have private insurance **need to schedule a physical with their Primary Care Provider and appointments are necessary**. No appointment is necessary for immunization record transcription. The Lawrence County Health Department is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. It is located 2379 Buffalo Rd, Lawrenceburg TN 38464. (931-762-9406)

Appointments are necessary for physicals and immunization administration. Please call the Health Dept. to verify whether a student is eligible for vaccines at the Health Department. Immunizations for school entry can be given by the Health Department. Please see above for contact information.

In certain instances such as those under the McKinney-Vento Act, students will be given a grace period and LCSS will obtain records as soon as deemed possible from parent/guardian/ or liaison. They will be able to attend school immediately without these records and without penalty. “No child or youth determined to be homeless shall be denied admission to any school or school facility if the child or youth has not yet been immunized or is unable to produce immunization records due to being homeless. The enrolling school shall comply with any and all federal laws pertaining to the

educational rights of homeless children and youth, including the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, compiled in 42 U.S.C. § 1141 et seq.”

Diseases Covered by Tennessee Child Care and School Immunization Requirements

TN Rule Chapter 1200-14-1-29: <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1200/1200-14/1200-14-01.20191013.pdf>

Disease	Child Care	Kindergarten	New students, Grades 1-12	All incoming 7 th graders	College
H. flu type B (Hib)	Up to date/complete	-	-	-	-
Pneumococcus (PCV)	Up to date/complete	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Up to date (no 4y dose)	Complete (incl. 4y dose)	Same as K, Tdap req'd only for 7 th gr.	Tdap booster	-
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	1 dose	2 dose	2 dose	-	2 dose
Polio	Up to date (no 4y dose)	Complete (incl. 4y dose)	Complete (incl. 4y dose)	-	-
Hepatitis B	Up to date/complete	Complete	Complete	-	If training incl. direct pt. care
Hepatitis A	1 dose	2 dose	-	-	-
Meningococcal disease (MenACWY)	-	-	-	-	1 dose for some (see school)
Varicella (or disease history)	1 dose or disease	2 dose or disease	2 dose or disease	-	2 dose or disease

Other important vaccines are recommended by CDC for all children and teens, but not required for school attendance.

For more information, visit the TennNIS homepage at <https://tennesseeeiis.gov> and click on the blue bar titled School Immunization Requirements. For the Official Certificate, go to the above website and login to TennNIS.

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