

# VACCINATION PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Vaccination Requirements for the 2017-2018 School Year

Pursuant to Law No. 25 on Immunization passed on September 25, 1983, all students who enroll in any public or private educational institution in the country, including daycare centers (depending on their age), must have received the following vaccines:

#### Elementary, Middle and High School Students will be required to have at least:

1. Four (4) doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT) vaccine as long as the last dose has been administered at or after the age of 4.
2. Three (3) doses of the Polio (IPV) vaccine as long as the last dose has been administered at or after the age of 4.
3. One (1) dose of the Haemophilus influenzae Type B (Hib) vaccine (if it was administered at or after the age of 15 months).
4. Three (3) doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
5. Two (2) doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.
6. Two (2) doses of the Varicella (VAR) vaccine.
7. One (1) dose of the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) as long as it has been administered at or after the age of 24 months.
8. One (1) dose of the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for children between the ages of 11 and 18.
9. One (1) dose of the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) for children at the age of 11. All teenagers vaccinated between the ages of 11 and 12 will require a booster dose at the age of 16. All teenagers who were vaccinated between the ages of 13 and 15 will also require a booster dose between the ages of 16 and 18. If the first dose was administered at or after the age of 16, the booster dose will not be required.

#### Newly enrolled University Students under the age of 21 will be required to have at least:

1. One (1) booster dose of the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and/or one booster dose of the Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td) vaccine, as applicable.
2. Two (2) doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.
3. Three (3) doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
4. Three (3) doses of the Polio (OPV/IPV) vaccine if the last dose was administered at or after the age of 4.


The parents of teenagers who have started getting vaccinated against the human papillomavirus are encouraged to complete the corresponding series during this school year (2017-2018) because, as of the 2018-2019 school year, the vaccine will be a legal requirement for teenagers of both sexes at the ages of 11 and 12. This series must be started at the age of 11 in conjunction with the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccines and the Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV).

Furthermore, we would like to remind all parents about the importance of vaccinating their children against the flu for the upcoming season. **The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent this infection and its complications.**

**These vaccines must be recorded on Form P-VAC-3 (green paper).**

Vaccination exemptions for religious and medical reasons must be submitted to the educational institution in order for the child to be enrolled. A sworn statement requesting a religious exemption must indicate the name of the religion/sect and must be signed by the parent/legal guardian and the minister of the religion. A certification requesting a medical exemption must be signed by a physician authorized to practice in Puerto Rico, and must indicate the specific reason for and the possible duration of the adverse conditions or circumstances resulting from one or more of the vaccines required.



  
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