

## School Immunizations

**Many vaccine-preventable diseases can easily spread in child care and school settings. Protecting your children from preventable diseases will help keep them healthy and in school.**

- Schools are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases, and school-age children can further spread disease to their families and others with whom they come in contact.
- When a child comes down with an illness such as whooping cough, chickenpox or the flu, he or she may miss at least several days of school while recovering – and somebody will need to stay home to provide care and make trips to the doctor. Children can spread diseases to newborns too young to have received all doses of recommended vaccines, or to people with weakened immune systems, such as some people with cancer and transplant recipients or elderly who are also at higher risk of disease.

**Vaccinating according to the recommended immunization schedule provides your child with safe and effective protection against preventable diseases.** Between the time your child is born and they go off to college, they'll get vaccines to protect against a number of serious diseases.

### School Requirements:

[NC School requirements for kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

### Specific Vaccine Preventable diseases and their vaccinations:

[Meningitis](#)

[Pertussis](#) (in the Tdap vaccine)

[Human Papilloma Virus](#) (HPV)

[Key Facts About Seasonal Flu Vaccine](#)

