

Dear Parents,

The faculty and staff of Heathwood Hall Episcopal School are excited to welcome your student for the 2021-22 school year. In preparation for your child's arrival on campus in August 2021, we want to make sure that all immunizations required for entrance to a South Carolina school are current. Your child's South Carolina Certificate of Immunization should be sent to Heathwood as soon as possible. For international students, the record should be in English and signed by the physician responsible for your child's health care in their home country. If you have questions, please contact us at health@heathwood.org or (803) 231-7728.

Thank you so much for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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South Carolina Immunization Requirements for Childcare 2021-2022

The following minimum requirements are necessary for childcare. These requirements will be effective as of July 1, 2021. This includes preschool attendance for 4K programs and younger. An SC Certificate of Immunization with an expiration date is acceptable to allow for age-appropriate completion of vaccination series. No child can attend childcare or preschool for more than 30 days past the expiration date of the certificate.

Vaccine	Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, or DTaP vaccine.
Polio	Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated polio vaccine
Haemophilus influenza Type b (Hib)	Current, age-appropriate Hib vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. For children 15-59 months of age who have not yet completed age-appropriate Hib vaccination, one (1) dose of Hib vaccine at or after 15 months of age is required. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age and older.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	One (1) dose of MMR vaccine received on or after the first birthday
Hepatitis A	2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months for any child born on or after January 1, 2019. Vaccine series must be started by 18 months of age.
Hepatitis B	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine with the third dose received \geq 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose
Varicella	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease
Pneumococcal	Current, age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. For children aged 24-59 months who have not yet completed any age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination, one (1) dose of PCV13 on or after the 2nd birthday is required. Pneumococcal vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age and older.

Please note: Children enrolled in grade 5K or greater and enrolled in a childcare facility (e.g., after school and/or summer program) must meet school immunization requirements and have a valid SC Certificate of Immunization on file at the childcare and school facility.

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, "...no owner or operator of a public or private childcare facility as defined in Section 63-13-20 may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school or day care facility to which the child or person has been admitted."

South Carolina Immunization Requirements for School 2021-2022

The following minimum immunization requirements are necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades 5K-12:

Vaccine	Grade	Grade Level Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	5K-12	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTaP, Td, or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Refer to the currently published ACIP Catch Up Schedule for guidance on recommendations for students who are behind. For children 7 years of age and older following a catch up schedule, 3 doses may be acceptable.
Tdap Booster	7-12	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine received on or after the 7 th birthday This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis.
Polio	5K-9	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday
	10-12	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) with at least one (1) dose received on or after the 4 th birthday <u>OR</u> four (4) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) before 4 th birthday (if all doses separated by at least 4 weeks) Follow CDC recommendations for students 18 years of age and older
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	5K - 12	Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks
Hepatitis A	5K-1	2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months.
Hepatitis B	5K - 12	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine, with the third dose received \geq 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose
Varicella	5K - 7	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks or a positive history of disease.
	8-12	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease

Please note:

- Children enrolled in 4K programs and younger must meet Childcare Requirements, even if attendance is in a school setting.
- Children enrolled in 5K through Grade 12 must meet School Requirements.
- In general, titers may only be accepted as evidence of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, "no superintendent of an institution of learning, no school board or principal of a school...may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.... Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school or day care facility to which the child or person has been admitted."