

# **Immunization Requirements for School Attendance for the State of South Dakota 2016-2017**

South Dakota law (SDCL 13-28-7.1) requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in this state, shall **prior** to admission, be **required** to present to school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the child has received adequate immunizations against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola (measles) rubella, mumps, and tetanus and varicella zoster virus (chicken pox) according to the recommendations of the State Department of Health.

Minimum immunization requirements for children entering kindergarten are as follows:

**At least 4 doses of (DTP) diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis containing vaccine** with at least 1 dose administered on or after a child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**At least 3 doses of a polio containing vaccine** with at least 1 dose given on or after the child's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**At least 2 doses of (MMR) measles, mumps, rubella containing vaccine**, administered on or after the child's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, or a physician's diagnosis of those diseases or serologic evidence of immunity to the measles, mumps and/or rubella.

**At least 2 doses of (chicken pox) varicella zoster virus vaccine** administered or evidence of having had chicken pox.

**\*\*\*There is a series of immunizations required after the age of 4, prior to kindergarten entry.\*\*\***