Vaccination & health requirements

What to submit. When to stay home. How to return.

Our goal is to keep our school community safe. KSPC follows Pennsylvania's preschool requirements and Chester County's illness and return-to-school guidance.

1 Submit your child's health documents

[ ] Vaccination record: a copy from your healthcare provider showing vaccine names and dates. Records must meet the state's requirements for your child's age, unless an exemption applies.

[ ] Exemption documentation, if applicable: include the signed statement described below.

[ ] Signed acknowledgement: complete and return the acknowledgement on page 2. Send updated vaccination records when additional doses are received.

Vaccines during the preschool years

Recommended routine vaccines, adapted from the 2026 AAP schedule endorsed by PA DOH. Your healthcare provider confirms doses and catch-up needs. Recommendations and legal attendance requirements are not identical.

Vaccine	By ages 2–3: typical completed series	At ages 4–6: routine next dose
DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses	5th dose*
Polio (IPV)	3 doses	4th dose*
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose	2nd dose
Chickenpox (varicella)	1 dose	2nd dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses	No routine additional dose
Hepatitis A	2 doses, at least 6 months apart	Complete series if needed
Hib / pneumococcal (PCV)	Hib: 3 or 4 doses; PCV: 4 doses	Catch-up if needed
Influenza (flu)	Each year; 1 or 2 doses as indicated	Each year; 1 or 2 doses as indicated
COVID-19	Risk-based or if protection is desired	Risk-based or if protection is desired

*Catch-up schedules may need fewer doses. Rotavirus is an infancy series. COVID-19 dosing depends on age and vaccine history. One MMR dose can be up to date before the second is due.

2 If you are submitting an exemption

Reason	What KSPC keeps on file
Religious, moral or philosophical belief	A signed, dated parent/guardian statement naming the child and stating the belief opposing vaccination. Identify the vaccine(s) covered, or state that it applies to all vaccines. No clergy letter is required.
Medical reason	A signed physician's statement identifying the vaccine(s) that cannot be given and whether the reason is temporary or permanent. Temporary medical documentation must be updated as state rules require.

A general note saying a child is healthy does not establish a medical exemption. The acknowledgement on page 2 does not replace an exemption statement.

Medical reference: AAP 2026 schedule, updated September 2, 2026 | Reviewed October 23, 2026

Exemptions and documentation: Pennsylvania Department of Health child care guidance

When your child is sick

Use these steps to help prevent illness from spreading and plan a safe return to school.

3 Use this stay-home and return guide

Symptom or situation	Keep home / seek advice	When return may be allowed
Fever: 100.4°F or higher	Keep home.	After 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine.
Vomiting or persistent diarrhea	Keep home; seek medical advice when needed.	At least 48 hours after the last episode and other symptoms resolved. Physician assessment may be required with fever, contamination risk or an identified infection.
Severe cough, wheezing or other significant respiratory symptoms	Keep home and seek medical advice.	When symptoms improve or a healthcare provider determines the child is not infectious; no single fixed waiting period.
Rash with fever/behavior change, or oozing/open sores	Keep home and arrange medical advice.	When symptoms resolve and/or a clinician evaluates the child to rule out infectious disease.
Allergy symptoms alone	Usually no exclusion if there are no additional illness symptoms.	Attendance may continue. Other symptoms may change the advice.

Adapted from Chester County guidance. A diagnosed disease or health department order may require a different timeline or medical clearance.

Notify the director within 24 hours of a suspected or diagnosed illness requiring exclusion. If illness starts at school, staff supervise the child separately while arranging pickup. Suspected measles: stay home, call ahead for medical care, and the director reports it immediately. The director reports other cases/outbreaks as required and notifies affected families with health department guidance.

4 Confirm the return-to-school requirements

The director uses the illness-specific state and county criteria to explain when your child may return and whether medical clearance is required. A doctor’s note is required when those rules require one. If health officials have ordered an exclusion, their return instructions apply.

If your child has an exemption

An exemption alone does not keep a child out of school. During an exposure or outbreak, health officials may temporarily exclude children who lack protection against that disease. KSPC will give affected families the required stay-home period and return instructions.

5 Sign and return this acknowledgement

I have received and reviewed KSPC’s Vaccination & Health Requirements. I understand my responsibility to provide accurate vaccination records or exemption documentation, send updated records, report illnesses requiring exclusion, and follow the applicable stay-home and return instructions. I understand that a vaccine exemption does not prevent a temporary public health exclusion.

Child’s name: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

This signature acknowledges receipt and understanding. It is not a vaccination consent, vaccine exemption or waiver of rights.

Illness and return guidance: Chester County Schools & Early Care and Education guide, pp. 8–11

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