

SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

Every child entering or attending a New York State public school must present proof of the immunizations or proof of disease by serology (if applicable) as mandated by New York State Public Health Law 2164. This law mandates that schools shall not permit a child to be admitted unless they provide the school with proof of immunity. Every child entering or attending a New York state school must present proof of immunizations by any 1 of 3 ways

1. An immunization record signed by your NYS health care provider
2. An immunization registry report (NYSIIS or CIR from NYC) from your health care provider or your county health department
3. A blood test (titer) lab report that proves your child is immune to the disease, if results are “negative” or “equivocal” (which means your child is not immune), the school can NOT accept it
4. For varicella (chicken pox), a note from your health care provider which says your child had the disease and **date of disease** is also acceptable.

Titers are acceptable for the diseases identified in 10NYCRR Subpart 66-1.1. If results are negative or equivocal, appointment dates for those vaccines must be provided within 30 days from the notification of the negative or equivocal serology results.

All vaccines must specify the **exact date they were administered**.

Children who are not fully immunized can only continue to attend school if they are considered “in process” of completing the immunization series based on the Advisory committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule and have documentation from the health care provider of all future appointments to receive all remaining vaccines. The definition of “in process” is as follows: the child has received at least one dose of each immunization series and has age-appropriate appointments to complete the immunization series. If a child does not receive subsequent doses of vaccine in an immunization series according to the age appropriate ACIP schedule, including at appropriate intervals, the child is no longer “in process” and should be excluded from school. **Alternative schedules are not acceptable.**

The students have 14 calendar days after their date of entry (or 30 days if coming to the school district from out of state or out of country) to provide proof of immunizations and/or documentation from the physician stating the dates of future appointments. After this time frame students will be excluded until they show proof. The administration is required to notify the local health authority of the name and address of excluded children.

For homeless children, the enrolling school must immediately refer the parent or guardian of the child to the District's homeless liaison, who must assist them in obtaining the necessary immunizations, or immunization or medical records.

A medical exemption is permitted if a New York State licensed physician certifies that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the child’s health. The certificate should include:

- The specific immunization that is medically contraindicated
- The reason for the medical contraindication
- The duration of the request
- Medical exemptions need to be renewed annually

The district will provide an annual summary of compliance with immunization requirements to the Commissioner of Health.

All schools will also post educational information on influenza and the benefits of influenza immunization which will be in plain view and available to parents.

Education Law §§ 310 and 914

Public Health Law §§ 613 and 2164

8 NYCRR §§ 100.2 and 136.3

10 NYCRR Subpart 66-1

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