

## IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

### *Students Enrolling in the District*

All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school. Students will **not** be permitted to attend classes until they provide satisfactory evidence of immunization. Students without satisfactory evidence of immunization will only be permitted to attend classes under one of the following circumstances:

1. The student provides one of the following original Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) forms: Immunization In Progress, Medical Exemption; or Religious Exemption:
  - a. *Immunization In Progress*: Students may continue to attend school as long as they have started an immunization series and provide satisfactory evidence indicating progress is being accomplished. The original Immunization In Progress form must be signed by a licensed doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or his or her designee. The form will be placed on file with the school nurse.
  - b. *Medical Exemption*: A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirements upon signed certification by a licensed doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or his or her designee indicating that either the immunization would seriously endanger the student's health or life, the student has documentation of disease, or the student has laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease. The exemption shall be placed on file with the school nurse.
  - c. *Religious Exemption*: A parent/guardian certifies that immunization of the student violates his/her religious beliefs. This exemption must be provided on an original Religious Exemption form and shall be signed by the parent/guardian and placed on file with the school nurse.
2. A homeless student. If the student cannot provide proof of immunization, the student will be immediately enrolled, and the District's homeless coordinator will work with the student and parent/guardian to obtain the necessary immunizations as soon as possible.
3. A student who is in the household of an active duty member of the military and who cannot provide evidence of having received immunizations as required under Missouri law. The student will be immediately enrolled and given 30 days to obtain the required immunizations or, if the immunization is a series, to begin the series.

The school nurse will notify parent/guardian of immunization requirements and provide information regarding where to obtain immunizations. If a student has not provided required evidence of immunization or one (1) of the exemptions forms listed above, the nurse will contact the parent/guardian to arrange for the student to obtain the required immunizations. At that time, the nurse will also notify the parent/guardian that failure to provide required evidence of immunization or a statement of an exemption within five (5) more school days may result in a report of medical or educational neglect to the Children's Division (CD) of the Department of Social Services. The District will report to the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) the name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit a nonexempted student to be immunized. If a student has not provided the required evidence of immunization or a statement of the exemptions listed above within five (5) school days of enrollment, the nurse will make a neglect report to the CD.

#### ***Students with Immunizations in Progress***

1. The nurse will monitor the progress of students who have provided evidence that immunizations are in progress.
2. Students who fail to meet their next scheduled immunization appointment will be suspended from attending school until such immunization is obtained or until an exemption statement is provided.
3. If evidence of immunization or evidence of exemption from immunization is not provided within three (3) school days of the suspension, the nurse will make a neglect report with the CD.

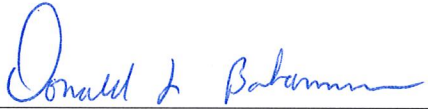
#### ***Students Due for Immunization after Enrollment***

1. In cases where a student comes due for immunization after the student is enrolled, the nurse will provide notice to the parent/guardian 30 days prior to the date that proof of immunization is required.
2. If the student has not provided evidence of immunization or a statement of one (1) of the exemptions above within three (3) school days of the deadline, the nurse will contact the parent/guardian to arrange for the student to obtain the required immunization(s). The nurse will also notify the parent/guardian that failure to obtain the required immunization(s) will result in the student being excluded from school and may result in a report of medical or educational neglect to the CD.
3. A student who has not obtained the required immunization(s) or provided an original exemption form by the required date will be suspended in accordance with law. The student may return when such immunization is obtained or an original exemption form is provided.

4. Students who fail to meet immunization requirements or have no exemption form after 3 days suspension will be reported by the nurse to the CD.

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