

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

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Any child being admitted to the District must present proof of meeting immunization requirements. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child. The school nurse, principal or designee is responsible for documenting that all students have been immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a.

Principals will notify parents/guardians of this requirement at the earliest possible date, so that the necessary plans can be made with the family physician or other medical resources to accomplish this standard prior to a child being admitted to school.

A student shall be exempt from the above immunization requirements if written documentation from his/her physician is presented in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c that immunization(s) will be detrimental to the student's health. The exemption shall exist only for the length of time, in the opinion of the physician, that such immunization would be detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease shall not affect other required immunizations.

A child shall be excused from the immunization requirement for religious reasons upon receipt of a notarized form signed by the parents or guardians, stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

In the event of an outbreak, students who have been exempted from immunization requirements will be excluded from school for a period of time, to be established after consultation with the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services, if such students are considered to be at risk for the disease that they have not been immunized against.

The School Nurse shall make an annual report to the Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner relative to the status of immunization for all enrolled students.

Legal References:

RSA 141-C:20-a, Immunization

RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions

RSA 141-C:20-d, Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease

RSA 141-C:20-e, Immunization Reports

RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 311.01, Immunization Program

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WORKFLOW: DELINQUENT DOCUMENTATION OF IMMUNIZATION(S)

1. School nurse reviews student files and identifies students who have not submitted the required documentation of immunization status.
2. School nurse sends letter, PE #1 to parent/guardian, informing them that immunization documentation is needed for their child to attend school.
3. If no response is received within two weeks of sending PE#1, school nurse will send reminder letter, PE #2, to parent/guardian.
4. If no response is received within two weeks of sending PE #2, the Principal will send final reminder letter, PE #3, to parent/guardian, informing them that a response is required by the date specified in the letter or their child will no longer be allowed to attend school.
5. If no response is received by the specified date, the Principal will notify the Superintendent who will initiate the student suspension process.