

UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

1 R396. HEALTH, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, CHILD HEALTH. R396-100. IMMUNIZATION RULE FOR STUDENTS

This rule implements the immunization requirements of Title 53A, Chapter 11, Part 3. It establishes minimum immunization requirements for attendance at a public, private, or parochial kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school through grade 12, nursery school, licensed day care center, child care facility, family home care, or head start program in this state. It establishes:

- 1.1 Required doses and frequency of vaccine administration
- 1.2 Reporting of statistical data; and
- 1.3 Time periods for conditional enrollment.
- 1.4 This rule is required by Section 53A-11-303 and authorized by Section 53A-11-306.

2 R396-100-2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this rule:

- 2.1 **Department** – Utah Department of Health
- 2.2 **Early Childhood Program** - Nursery or preschool licensed day care center, child care facility, family care home, or Head Start Program.
- 2.3 **Exempt** – Relief from the statutory immunization requirements by reason of qualifying under Sections 53A-11-302 and 302.5.
- 2.4 **Parent** – Biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of a child; a legal guardian, or the student, if of legal age, elementary, or secondary school through grade 12.
- 2.5 **School** – Public, private, or parochial kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school through grade 12.
- 2.6 **School Entry** – A student, at any grade, entering a Utah school or an early childhood program for the first time.

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2.7 **Student** - An individual enrolled or attempting to enroll in a school or early childhood program.

3 R396-100-3. REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The minimum required immunizations for school or early childhood program entry include:

- 3.1 **5 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT** – 4 doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was given after the 4th birthday; 3 Td required if started after age 7.
- 3.2 **4 doses of Polio** - .3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was given after the 4th birthday.
- 3.3 **2 doses of Measles** – required for all students kindergarten through grade 12. Two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine are acceptable. The first dose of measles containing vaccine must be given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 3.4 **1 dose of Mumps** – must be given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 3.5 **1 dose of Rubella** – must be given on or after the 1st birthday.
- 3.6 **4 doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)** - dosing schedule is based upon student's current age and number of number of previous doses received. Hib is not required for kindergarten entry.
- 3.7 **3 doses of Hepatitis B** - required for students born after July 1, 1993 prior to entering kindergarten. It is not required to attend an early childhood program.
- 3.8 **1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox)** - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002 – required for students born after July 1, 1996 prior to entering kindergarten. It must be given on or after the 1st birthday. Parental history of the disease is acceptable. Parent/Guardian must sign verifying history of disease.
- 3.9 **2 doses of Hepatitis A** – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002 – required for students born after July 1, 1996 prior to entering kindergarten. The first dose of Hepatitis A must be given on or after the 2nd birthday.
- 3.10 **Written proof is required to verify the student's immunizations.** Proof may be obtained from physician records, health department records, or parent/guardian records. Parent/guardian records may be accepted if they indicate the student's name, date of birth, type of

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vaccine administered, specific dates of immunization, and the name of physician or health care facility administering the vaccine.

- 3.11 Schools and early childhood programs shall use the official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) form as the record of each student's immunizations. The Department shall provide copies of the USIR to schools, early childhood programs, physicians, and local health departments upon each of their requests.
- 3.12 Each school or early childhood program shall accept any immunization record provided by a licensed physician, registered nurse, or public health official as certification of immunization. It shall transfer this information to the USIR with the following information:
 - 3.13 Name of student;
 - 3.13.1 Student's date of birth;
 - 3.13.2 Vaccine administered; and
 - 3.13.3 The month, day, and year each dose of vaccine was administered.
- 3.14 Each school and early childhood program shall maintain a file of the USIR for each student in all grades and an exemption form for each student claiming an exemption.
 - 3.14.1 The school and early childhood programs shall maintain up-to-date records of the immunization status for all students in all grades such that it can quickly exclude all non-immunized students if an outbreak occurs.
 - 3.14.2 If a student withdraws, transfers, is promoted or otherwise leaves school, the school or early childhood program shall either:
 - 3.14.2.1 Return the USIR and any exemption form to the parent of a student; or
 - 3.14.2.2 Transfer the USIR and any exemption form with the student's official school record to the new school or early childhood program.

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- 3.15 A representative of the Department or the local health department may examine, audit, and verify immunization records maintained by any school or early childhood program.
- 3.16 Schools and early childhood programs may meet the record keeping requirements of this section by keeping its official school immunization records in the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS).

4 R396-100-5. EXEMPTION PROCEDURES

- 4.1 Medical Exemption: If a medical exemption is claimed, a Medical Exemption Form may be obtained from the student's physician (Utah Statutory Code – Section 53A-11-302). It must indicate whether the exemption is to one or all immunizations. The WHITE and YELLOW copies will be given to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy must be attached to the USIR. The YELLOW copy is for the parent/guardian. The PINK copy will remain in the student's medical record in the doctor's office.
- 4.2 Religious Exemption: If a religious exemption is claimed, a Religious Exemption Form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The Religious Exemption Form may be obtained from a local health department. A local health department representative must witness and sign the Religious Exemption Form giving the WHITE and YELLOW copies to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy must be attached to the USIR. The YELLOW copy is for the parent/guardian. The PINK copy will remain with the local health department.
- 4.3 Personal Exemption: If a personal exemption is claimed, a Personal Exemption Form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The Personal Exemption Form may be obtained from a local health department. A local health department representative must witness and sign the Personal Exemption Form giving the WHITE and YELLOW copies to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian will present the WHITE copy to the school or early childhood program official. The WHITE copy will be attached to the USIR and the YELLOW copy is for the parent/guardian. The PINK copy will remain with the local health department.

5 R396-100-6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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5.1 Each year, the Utah Immunization Program in connection with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires that schools (public, private and parochial), and early childhood programs (nursery or preschools, licensed day care centers, child care facilities, family home care, and Head Start Programs) submit data regarding the immunization status of children currently enrolled. These reports reflect the current requirements in accordance with CDC guidelines. The Utah Department of Health will prescribe the information needed for each of the listed reports and the format for the reports. :

5.1.1 November 30 of each year:

5.1.1.1 Kindergarten Summary Report – Statistical report of the immunization status of all kindergarten children in any school setting (public, private, or parochial).

5.1.1.2 Second Dose Measles Report – Statistical report of the two-dose measles immunization status of all students' kindergarten through grade 12.

5.1.1.3 Early Childhood Program Report – Statistical report of the immunization status of all children in an early childhood program (nursery or preschools, licensed day care centers, child care facilities, family home care, and Head Start Programs).

5.1.2 January 31 of each year:

5.1.2.1 Transfer Summary Report – statistical report of the immunization status of all transfer students kindergarten through grade 12 in any school setting (public, private, or parochial). TIP: An easy way to report transfer students is to report all new students to your school since the November report. For example, if your November report included all students in your school as of October 31st, then the transfer report would include all new students since October 31st.

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5.1.3 June 15 of each year:

5.1.3.1 Year-end reports – In an effort to collect accurate information, collaborative efforts with the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) may require year-end reports from each public school having students that were a “conditional admission” or “out-of-compliance” in November. The year-end report will track those students to find out if they were immunized by the end of the school year. The Utah Immunization Program will collect the information; the USOE will then use the data to determine weighted pupil unit funds for each public school district in accordance with USOE policies and Utah Statutory Code (Section 53A-11-301).

5.1.4 Chickenpox Reporting:

5.1.4.1 According to the Communicable Disease Rule R386-702, it is the duty of individuals in charge of schools to report any individuals who have a disease suspected of being communicable to the state or local health department as referenced in the Utah Health Code section 26-6-6 (9). Often chickenpox cases are not severe enough to require an exam by a physician, therefore schools and daycare centers are the primary source of reporting chickenpox cases and are vital in our surveillance and disease control efforts.

5.1.4.2 It is requested that the school administrators and school health care workers report demographics and the vaccination status of all chickenpox cases they hear about to the local health department or the Utah Department of Health, using the **Chickenpox Case Report Form**. The completed form should be faxed directly to the Utah Department of Health (801) 538-9923 or to the local health department in which the child resides.

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- 5.2 The information that the Department requires in the reports shall be in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

6 R396-100-7. CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT AND EXCLUSION

- 6.1 A school or early childhood program may conditionally enroll a student who is not appropriately immunized as required in this rule. To be conditionally enrolled, a student must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and be on schedule for subsequent immunizations. If subsequent immunizations are one calendar month past due, the school or early childhood program must immediately exclude the student from the school or early childhood program.
- 6.1.1 A school or early childhood program with conditionally enrolled students shall routinely review every 30 days the immunization status of all conditionally enrolled students until each student has completed the subsequent doses and provided written documentation to the school or early childhood program.
- 6.1.2 Once the student has met the requirements of this rule, the school or early childhood program shall take the student off conditional status.
- 6.2 Commencing with the 2002-2003 school year, a student must receive one dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine prior to kindergarten entry. This dose must be given on or after the student's first birthday. If the Varicella vaccine is not given on the same day as the MMR, a minimum of 28 days should separate the two vaccines. Otherwise, MMR and Varicella may be administered on the same day, provided the student is at least one year old.
- 6.3 If a student has a history of chickenpox disease, the parent/guardian must sign the official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) or "pink card" stating the student has had the chickenpox disease and does not need the Varicella vaccine. Parental verification is acceptable for the Varicella vaccine ONLY. All other immunizations require written documentation as proof of immunization.
- 6.4 Varicella is not required for attendance in any early childhood program.

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7 R396-100-8. EXCLUSIONS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE UNDER EXEMPTION AND CONDITIONALLY ENROLLED STATUS

7.1 A local or state health department representative may exclude a student who has claimed an exemption or who is conditionally enrolled from school attendance if there is good cause to believe that the student has a vaccine preventable disease and:

7.1.1 Has been exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease; or

7.1.2 Will be exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease as a result of school attendance.

7.2 An excluded student may not attend school until the local health officer is satisfied that a student is no longer at risk of contracting or transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease.

8 R396-100-9. PENALTIES

8.1 Enforcement provisions and penalties for the violation or for the enforcement of public health rules, including this Immunization Rule for Students, are prescribed under Section 26-23-6. A violation is punishable as a class B misdemeanor on the first offense, a class A misdemeanor on the second offense or by civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

NOTE: Contact the school nurses for updates and questions. Or, contact The Utah Immunization Program at (801) 538-9450; 288 North 1460 West, P.O. Box 142001, SLC, UT 84114-2001.

Immunization Hotline: 1-800-275-0659.

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