



Flowchart of Colorado school immunization law

Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child cares to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.

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Compliance with Colorado school immunization law includes:

- > All required immunizations included on Certificate of Immunization.
- > Student is in-process.
- > Certificate of Medical or Nonmedical exemption is submitted.

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1. Student's arrival may be the first day of school or any day throughout the school year.
2. Student provides an immunization record from a health care provider or local public health agency, or Certificate of Immunization.
3. Student does not have an immunization record when he/she arrives at school. A student who is: not in-process, not appropriately vaccinated for his/her age, or not exempt shall be denied attendance in accordance with the law. A school may enroll in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) where a student's immunization record may be accessed. CIIS may not have all student records.
4. Record is complete. Student has all required immunizations for grade level or age and Certificate of Immunization is filed.
5. Record is incomplete. Student does not have all required immunizations for grade level or age, (e.g., kindergarten student does not have final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and Varicella).
6. Within 14 days after receiving direct personal notification that the Certificate of Immunization is not up-to-date according to the requirements of the state Board of Health, the parent/guardian or emancipated student submits documentation that the next required immunization has been given and provides a signed written plan for obtaining the remaining required vaccines: (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0tmPQ67k3NVbno3UWZPcGhRdUE/view>). The scheduling of immunizations in the signed written plan shall follow medically recommended minimum intervals consistent with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). If the plan is not fulfilled or a Certificate of Exemption has not been submitted, the student cannot attend school according to the Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2.
7. Examples of unobtainable records would include records that were destroyed, permanently lost or inaccessible from a foreign county. An example of a never immunized student would be an unimmunized foreign student who wanted to be immunized. An example of a student exempted from one or more but not all vaccines would be a student who has all school-required vaccines, except varicella.
8. Immunization records could be at home, child care center, health care provider, another school, etc.
9. Student is exempted from all vaccines. Student provides a Certificate of Medical or Nonmedical Exemption to school personnel when they arrive at school.
10. The McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.). House Bill 02-1181 amended Section 22-33-103.5, C.R.S. to require that schools immediately enroll the homeless children, even if the child lacks records normally required prior to enrollment.
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/transportation/transhomeless>

More information

School-required vaccines:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/schoolrequiredvaccines>

Vaccine exemptions:

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