



Impacts of SB20-163 School Entry Immunization

Homeschool Families

- Submit NOI or enrolled in Independent School: keep certificate of immunization and/or a statement of exemption.
- IF participating in a part-time program or an athletic program with a public or private school where student attends the school: must meet new requirements for medical & nonmedical exemptions

Note: New requirements must also be adhered to if a family participates any “child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services including: child care centers, school-age child care center, preschools, day camps, resident camps, day treatment centers, family child care homes, foster care homes, and head start programs; public, private, or parochial kindergarten, elementary or secondary schools through grade twelve, or a college or university.” Does not include “a ski school or college or university classes which are: offered off-campus; offered to nontraditional adult students as defined by the governing board of the institution; offered at colleges or universities which do not have residence hall facilities, or; online only.” (From CDPHE rules 6 CCR 1009-2)

New Immunization Record Requirements

Must submit:

- Certificate of Immunization
- Certificate of Medical Exemption (no penalty for doctor signing)
- Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption signed by authorized person & parent OR Certificate of Completion of an Online Education Module (for each child)

All new “standardized” forms created by CDPHE. No demographic data allowed except the student’s name, date of birth, sex, school’s name & location, and parent’s name.

Online education module should include evidence-based and peer reviewed by credible scientific and public health organizations and include data concerning the risk of immunization injury.

Document Distributed by Each School

Must contain:

- List of immunizations required
- List of immunizations recommended by CDC & Federal DHHS
- Immunization and exemption rates of MMR and every other vaccine required for the prior year

Annual Alignment Evaluation

- CDPHE to evaluate immunization practices including an examination of updated best practices and guidelines recommended by ACIP/CDC and Federal DHHS.
- Board of Health (BOH) to review and update immunization practices.

Vaccinated Children Standard

- Immunization rate goal is 95% for every school and every vaccine
- CDPHE to collaborate with LPHAs & Schools to provide information and technical assistance regarding best practices to educate and engage with students and families about: vaccines, the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases, and where to get a vaccine.

CDPHE Immunization Tracking System (CIIS)

- Person signing medical or nonmedical exemptions shall submit data to CIIS but there is no penalty if they don't submit the data.
- Can opt-out of CIIS at any time but they will keep some identifying data in a separate database.

Acronyms: ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; BOH: Board of Health; CDC: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention; CDPHE: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; CIIS: Colorado Immunization Information System; DHHS: Department of Health & Human Services; LPHA: Local Public Health Agencies;