Dear Parent or Guardian,



On behalf of the Kelso School District, I would like to welcome you to the new school year! The Kelso School District has a richly deserved reputation for providing outstanding educational opportunities for all students. A key component of our program is providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff, parents and visitors.

The State of Washington recognizes the importance of healthy kids and now requires that all immunization records turned in to schools or childcare centers are required by state law to be medically verified. Immunization records must be turned into the school on or before the first day of attendance. This means immunization records turned in to the school must be from a health care provider, or you must attach paperwork from a health care provider to your handwritten form that shows your child’s records are accurate. **Your child cannot attend school until you provide these records.**

Here are some examples of medically verified immunization records:

* A completed [Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-013_CertificateImmunizationStatusForm20-21.pdf) signed by a health care provider. Find the CIS form by visiting <https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI> and clicking on “Certificate of Immunization Status.”
* A CIS filled out by you or another parent/guardian with medical records attached.
* A CIS printed by a health care provider or school from the Washington State Immunization Information System. <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/cpir/iweb/>
* A CIS printed from [MyIR](https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessyourFamilysImmunizationInformation#1) which is a free Department of Health online tool that allows families to view and print their official immunization records themselves. Go to <https://wa.myir.net/register> to begin the sign-up process.

If you are requesting an exemption from one or more of the immunization requirements, you must provide the school a completed Certificate of Exemption.

Sincerely,



Don Iverson

Director of Student Services

Kelso School District

