

## **SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Every child entering or attending a District school must present proof of immunization or proof of immunity by serology (blood test) if applicable unless a New York State licensed physician certifies that the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health. The exemption must specify the immunization exempted and provide sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to the specific immunization and the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated. The District may seek additional information supporting the exemption. The requirement for that certification must be filed annually with the District. The requirement for that immunization is waived until the immunization is no longer detrimental to the child's health. Medical exemptions must be reissued annually on a state-mandated form.

Except for a valid medical exemption, the District will not permit a child lacking acceptable evidence of required immunizations to remain in school for more than 14 days or more than 30 days for an out-of-state or out-of-country transferee who can show a good faith effort to get the necessary certification or other evidence of immunization. On the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day (for example, 9/18 when school starts on 9/3), a child not fully immunized must be excluded until immunized.

Whenever a child has been refused admission to or continued attendance at a District school for lack of acceptable evidence of immunization, immunity, or exemption, the principal, or his designee, of the school will:

- a) Notify the person in parental relation to the child of his or her responsibility to have the child immunized and of the public resources available for doing so;
- b) Notify the local health authority of the name and address of the excluded child and of the immunization or immunizations which the child lacks; and
- c) Provide upon request a list of local medical providers that complete immunizations at low or no cost.

For homeless children, the enrolling school must immediately refer the person in parental relation to the child to the District's homeless liaison, who must assist them in obtaining the necessary immunizations or medical records.

Immunizations which are in process of being completed means that the child has received at least the first dose in each immunization series required by law and has age appropriate appointments to complete the series or the child is obtaining serologic tests within thirty (30) days of notification of the parent/guardian that such testing is requested or a child's serologic test(s) are negative and the child has appointments to be immunized within thirty (30) days of notification of the parent/guardian to complete, or begin completion, of the series.

The District will provide an annual summary of compliance with immunization requirements to the Commissioner of Health.

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All schools will also post educational information on influenza and the benefits of influenza immunization which will be in plain view and available to persons in parental relation.

Education Law §§ 310 and 914  
Public Health Law §§ 613 and 2164  
8 NYCRR §§ 100.2 and 136.3  
10 NYCRR Subpart 66-1

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Students in Temporary Housing

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