

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are only 3 doses of DTaP/DT/Td required for second grade and above when five are required for 1st grade?

DTaP/DTP/DT are licensed for children 6 years of age and younger. Td is used for children 7 years and above. If a child presents for vaccination for the first time at age 7, only 3 doses of Td are required to bring the child up to date. Because of this, the school can only hold the child responsible for the minimum requirement.

What must be included in a child's immunization record?

The record must contain the child's name, date of birth, and a date for each required immunization (month, date, year).

What must a medical exemption contain?

A medical exemption must contain a physician's certification that a particular immunization is detrimental to the child's health. It must be in writing and must be verified each year by the school.

If a child does not present an immunization record, or is not up to date with his/her immunizations, may they enroll in school?

Yes, the code states that a child is not permitted to attend school beyond the first day without furnishing a written record, unless:

1. The school gives a waiver (for a period not to exceed 20 days); or
2. The local health department, or a physician, determines that the child's immunizations have been delayed due to extreme circumstances. The parent must furnish a written statement and a time schedule approved by the physician or the health department; or
3. A medical or religious exemption is on file.

Is a doctor's statement required as proof of chicken pox disease?

No. Documentation from a parent is sufficient. A signed statement including the date of the disease is needed.