
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

No student shall be permitted to attend or continue to attend any school in this District without meeting the legal requirements of immunization against disease unless the student has a valid exemption for health, religious, personal or other reasons as provided by law.

Students who do not submit an official immunization record or present a valid exemption will be denied enrollment to Aurora Public Schools. If not in compliance with Colorado requirements within 14 days of enrollment and with proper notification, students shall be suspended and/or expelled from school until such official immunization record or valid exemption is received.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to implement this policy.

CROSS REFS.: JF, Student Admissions to/Withdrawals from School
 Aurora Public Schools Health Service Guidelines Manual

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- A. No student shall be enrolled or shall attend any school in the Aurora Public Schools unless the student has presented to the school an official record of immunization or a completed exemption form. A student shall be exempted only upon submission of:
1. Certification from a licensed physician that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health;
 2. Statements signed by one parent/guardian or the emancipated child that he or she adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations;
 3. Statement signed by one parent/guardian or the emancipated child that he or she holds a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, students with exemptions will be excluded from school.

- B. No student shall continue to attend any school in APS unless immunizations are up to date according to current requirements as specified by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html>
- C. If there has been a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the principal or designee will notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished either by telephone or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by mail. Students age 18 and over or otherwise emancipated must be contacted directly rather than through their parents.

The parent or emancipated student will be notified of the following:

1. That up-to-date immunizations are required under Colorado law;
2. That within 14 days of notification, the parent must submit a valid exemption or documentation to the school showing that the next required immunization has been received. If further immunizations are needed, a written plan for completion will be signed by the parent or emancipates student;
3. That if the required documentation is not submitted within 14 days of notification or

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if the student begins but does not continue or fulfill the written plan, the student will be suspended or expelled.

- D. A student who fails to comply shall be suspended by the principal for up to five days and a notice of the suspension sent to the District Health Services Office and to either the Colorado Department of Health or the local health department.
- E. If no proof of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the Superintendent shall institute proceedings for expulsion.
- F. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy shall terminate automatically upon compliance.
- G. Record of any such suspension or expulsion shall be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation, **not in the student's disciplinary file.**
- H. Students expelled for failure to comply with the immunization requirements will not be included in calculating the dropout rate, but will be included in the annual report to the State Board of Education.

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CDPHE COMMUNITY ALERT - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000

This is to inform you of the changes in the immunization requirements for your child attending school or child care. In addition to the present immunization requirements, the following requirements will go into effect July 1, 2000.

Varicella (chickenpox) Vaccine - beginning July 1, 2000

Varicella vaccine will be required for children attending pre-school starting at 18 months of age through Kindergarten. Varicella vaccine must be administered at 12 months of age (on or after the first birthday) or older to be acceptable. A laboratory test showing immunity or a disease history from a health care provider, parent, or guardian is an acceptable alternative to vaccination.

MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Vaccine - Second dose - Beginning July 1, 2000

The second dose of MMR will be required at Kindergarten. Students in grades 7 through 12 will continue to be required to have two doses of MMR. In lieu of immunization, written evidence of a laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable for the specific disease tested. The first dose of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine and varicella vaccine must have been administered at 12 months of age (on or after the first birthday) or older to be acceptable. If the student received a second measles dose prior to July 1, 1992, the second rubella and mumps doses are not required. The second dose of measles vaccine or of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine must be administered at least 28 calendar days after the first dose.

DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) and Polio Vaccines - Beginning July 1, 2000

Children 18 months through 4 years of age will be required to have four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines and three doses of polio vaccine. Many students (grades Kindergarten through grade 12) entering school in Colorado for the first time, will be required to have five doses of pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria vaccines and four doses of polio vaccine. There may be exceptions to the number of doses required if immunizations were delayed. If at 7 years of age and older, the pertussis requirement has not been met, no further doses are required.

Contact your physician for the immunizations your child may need. If you do not have a physician, you can call the Family Health Line at 1-800-688-7777 to learn where to obtain the required immunizations free or at low cost.

The medical, religious and personal exemptions continue to be in effect for all immunizations. For these exemptions, the Statement of Exemption to the Immunization Law on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Certificate of Immunization must be signed.

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INFANT/PRESCHOOL - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000

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Vaccine	Level of School/Age of Child					*Hib Vaccine 1. If any dose is given at 15 months of age (or older), the Hib vaccine requirement is met. 2. If the first dose is given at 12 to 14 months of age, 2 doses are required. 3. If a child begins the series at less than 12 months of age, 3 doses are required of which one dose must be administered on or after the 1 st birthday. If the second dose is given at 15 months or older, the requirement is met. 4. If a child is 5 years of age or older, Hib vaccine is no longer required. MMR & Varicella Vaccines Must be given on or after the first birthday.
	Child Care 2-3 mos	Child Care 4-5 mos	Child Care 6-14 mos	Child Care 15-17 mos	Pre-school 18 mos-4yrs	
Pertussis	1	2	3	3	4	
Tetanus / Diphtheria	1	2	3	3	4	
Polio	1	2	2	2	3	
Measles/Mumps / Rubella	0	0	0	1	1	
Haemophilus influenzae type b* (Hib)	1	2	2	3/2/1*	3/2/1*	
Hepatitis B	1	2	2	2	3	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	0	0	0	0	1	History of disease is acceptable by a health care provider, parent or guardian, or a laboratory test.

Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements listed above will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902. Students must submit a Certificate of Immunization or Exemption by the first day of school or the student will be denied attendance.

You must provide one of the following to your child's school in order to comply with the law:

1. A completed Certificate of Immunization certifying that the student has received minimum immunizations as indicated above.

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2. If a student's Certificate of Immunization is not up-to-date, the parent, guardian or emancipated student has 14 days after notification to provide documentation that the next required immunization was given and submit a written plan for completion of any additional required immunizations. If the plan is not fulfilled, the student shall be expelled or suspended from school for non-compliance, OR
3. After receiving direct personal notification that the student's Certificate of Immunization is not-up-to date, the parent, guardian or emancipated student submits a written authorization requesting that local health officials administer the first set of immunizations within 14 calendar days and administer all subsequent required vaccinations.
4. Statement of Exemption to Immunization Law printed on the reverse side of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Certificate of Immunization:
 - a) medical exemption signed by licensed physician stating that the student's physical condition is such that immunizations would endanger life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated; or
 - b) religious exemption signed by parent or guardian or emancipated student that (s)he is an adherent to a religious belief opposed to immunizations; or
 - c) personal exemption signed by parent or guardian or emancipated student that (s)he is an adherent to a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

Failure to supply one of the above will result in the student being denied attendance.

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**CDPHE MINIMUM SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS - KINDERGARTEN-
 GRADE 12 - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000**

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Immunization requirements will be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements listed below will be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-902. Students must submit a Certificate of Immunization or Exemption by the first day of school or the student will be denied attendance.

Vaccine	Minimum Number of Doses Required for Certificate of Immunization	
	Number of Doses	Grades Kindergarten through Grade 12 – 5-18 Years of Age
Pertussis	5	Required at school entry in Colorado. Only four doses are required if the 4 th dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday. Not required if student is 7 years of age or older.
Tetanus / Diphtheria	5	Required at school entry in Colorado. Only four doses are required if the 4 th dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday. Any student, 7 years or older at school entry in Colorado, who has not completed a primary series of 3 appropriate spaced doses of tetanus and diphtheria vaccine may be certified after the 3 rd dose if it is given more than 6 months after the 2 nd dose.
Polio	4	Required at school entry in Colorado. If the third dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday, only three doses are required.
Measles/Mumps / Rubella	2	*Required at Kindergarten (effective July 1, 2000). MMR#2 continues to be a requirement for grades 7 through 12. The first dose must be administered on or after the first birthday and second dose not sooner than 28 days from 1 st . If the student received a second measles dose prior to July 1, 1992, the second rubella and mumps doses are not required. See footnote below.
Hepatitis B	3	**Requirements started in 1997. See footnote below for current requirements.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	***Required at Kindergarten (effective July 1, 2000). Must be given on or after the 1 st birthday. History of chickenpox disease by a parent, guardian, or health care provider is acceptable. See footnote.

* MMR#2 Requirement - (2000-2001 K and 7th through 12th). (2001-2002 K, 1st and 7th through 12th). (2002-2003 K, 1st, 2nd and 7th through 12th). (2003-2004 K through 3rd and 7th through 12th). (2004-2005 K through 4th and 7th through 12th). (2005-2006 K through 5th and 7th through 12th). (2006-2007 K through 12th) - or exemption signed.

** Hepatitis B Series requirement - (2000-2001 K through 3rd and 7th through 10th). (2001-2002 K through 4th and 7th through 11th). (2002-2003 K through 5th and 7th through 12th). (2003-2004 K through 12th) - or exemption signed.

*** Varicella requirement - Effective July 1, 2000. (2000-2001 K). (2001-2002 K and 1st grade). (2002-2003 K, 1st and 2nd). (2003-2004 K through 3rd). This schedule continues until the year 20012-20013 when all students must comply. Exemption to this vaccine is a history of disease or exemption signed.

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- c) A completed Certificate of Immunization certifying that the student has received minimum immunizations as indicated above.

- d) If a student's Certificate of Immunization is not up to date, the parent, guardian or emancipated student has 14 days after notification to provide documentation that the next required immunization was given and submit a written plan for completion of any additional required immunizations. If the plan is not fulfilled, the student shall be expelled or suspended from school for non-compliance, OR

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