

2010-11 GUIDE TO THE IDAHO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

Grades K-12



REFERENCE Section 39-4801, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children."

INSTRUCTIONS Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho's school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program or visit www.immunizeidaho.com.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS To enter or transfer into public, private, or parochial elementary and secondary schools (grades kindergarten through 12), children must have immunizations as outlined below at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status.

SUMMARY OF IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS		
Immunization Requirement	Child born after September 1, 1999	Child born on or before September 1, 1999
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses	1 dose
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)	5 doses*	4 doses
Polio	3 doses	3 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses

* 4 doses meet requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION Students who lack one or more required vaccine doses that are not currently due may be admitted on the condition that they receive the remaining dose(s) when due, according to the catch-up schedule below. If the minimum time interval between doses has passed and the needed dose is not received, the child must be excluded until the next immunization is obtained.

CATCH-UP IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE (children up to 7 years)					
Vaccine	Minimum Age for Dose 1	Minimum Interval Between Doses			
		Dose 1 to Dose 2	Dose 2 to Dose 3	Dose 3 to Dose 4	Dose 4 to Dose 5
MMR	12 months	4 weeks			
DTaP	6 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months	6 months
Polio	6 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 months	
Hepatitis B	Birth	4 weeks	8 weeks*		

* Minimum age 24 weeks **and** at least 16 weeks after dose 1

EXEMPTIONS Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim an exemption from immunization requirements for their child based on religious or personal beliefs. A medical exemption will be granted for those children who present a letter from their physician stating that the child has a medical condition preventing them from receiving required vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to claim an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy. For children with an exemption, a signed exemption form (available through the Idaho Immunization Program) or physician letter must be on file for the child (Section 39-4802, Idaho Code). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions, so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.