

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division

THE INFANT IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

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**III. Exemptions from Immunization**

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to have his or her student immunized unless the student is exempted. A student may be exempted from receiving the required immunizations in the following manner:

- A. Medical exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD medical exemption form with the statement of medical exemption signed by an advanced practice nurse, a delegated physician assistant, or physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in any state or territory of the United States indicating that the physical condition of the student is such that immunizations would endanger his/her life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions. The is STANDARD form is to be submitted once, and must be maintained on file at each new school the student attends.
- B. Religious exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form signed by the parent(s) or the emancipated student indicating that the parent(s) or emancipated student is an adherent to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations.

Beginning July 1, 2016,

- 1. Prior to kindergarten entry, a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form must be submitted at each interval in the ACIP birth-18 years immunization schedule at which immunizations are due. This documentation is required only for those vaccines required to prevent the diseases listed in section II (A). Exemptions will expire at the time next immunizations are due according to the ACIP birth-18 years immunization schedule or when the student is enrolled to attend kindergarten.
  - 2. From kindergarten through twelfth grade, a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form must be submitted once per school year. Exemptions will expire annually on June 30th, the last official day of the school year.
- C. Personal belief exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form signed by the parent(s) or the emancipated student indicating that the parent(s) or emancipated student has a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

Beginning July 1, 2016,

- 1. Prior to kindergarten entry, a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form must be submitted at each interval in the ACIP birth-18 years immunization schedule at which immunizations are due. This documentation is required only for those vaccines required to prevent the diseases listed in section II (A). Exemptions will expire at

the time next immunizations are due according to the ACIP birth-18 years immunization schedule or when the student is enrolled to attend kindergarten.

2. From kindergarten through twelfth grade, **a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD** nonmedical exemption form must be submitted once per school year. Exemptions will expire annually on June 30th, the last official day of the school year.

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## **VI. Official school immunization records**

A. Official school immunization records shall include:

1. An official Certificate of Immunization or an Alternate Certificate of Immunization approved by the Department, which includes one of the following forms of documentation with the dates and types of immunizations administered to a student:
  - a. A paper or electronic document that includes information transferred from the records of a licensed physician, registered nurse, a delegated physician assistant, or public health official, or
  - b. An electronic file or hard copy of an electronic file provided to the school directly from the immunization tracking system established pursuant to section 25-4-2403, C.R.S., or from a software program approved by the Department, or
2. ~~An official~~ **THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD** medical exemption form with the date and vaccines exempted from, or
3. **A-THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD** nonmedical exemption form with the date, type of exemption taken and the vaccines exempted from.

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## **IX. Requirements for college and university students, colleges and universities.**

The provisions below apply only to colleges or universities, or students enrolled in a college or university.

A. Minimum immunization requirements

1. Two valid doses of the MMR vaccine are required for all college or university students, unless the college or university student was born before 1957.
  - a. Laboratory confirmation of positive titers are an acceptable alternative to the MMR vaccine when submitted to the student's school. For MMR substitution, titers for measles, mumps, and rubella must be positive.
2. Pursuant to section 25-4-901, C.R.S. et. seq., and section 23-5-128 (3), C.R.S., each college and university shall provide information concerning meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccine to each new college or university student residing in student housing, or if the college or university student is under 18 years, to the college or university student's parent or guardian. College and university students residing in student housing who have not received a meningococcal vaccine within the last five years shall review the information concerning meningococcal disease and meningococcal vaccine. If the college or university student does not obtain a vaccine, a signature must

be obtained from the college or university student or if the college or university student is under 18 years, the college or university student's parent or guardian indicating that the information was reviewed and the college or university student or college or university student's parent or guardian has declined the vaccine.

B. Exemptions from immunization

A college or university student may be exempted from receiving required immunizations in the following manner:

1. Medical exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD medical exemption form with the statement of medical exemption signed by an advanced practice nurse, a delegated physician assistant, or physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in any state or territory of the United States indicating that the physical condition of the college or university student is such that immunizations would endanger his/her life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions. The **is STANDARD** form is to be submitted once, and must be maintained on file at each new school the college or university student attends.
2. Religious exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form signed by the college or university student 18 years of age or older, the parent if the college or university student is under 18 years of age, or the emancipated college or university student indicating that the college or university student, parent or emancipated college or university student is adherent to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations. As of July 1, 2016, beginning with college or university entry, a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form must be submitted at enrollment.
3. Personal belief exemption - By submitting a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form signed by the college or university student 18 years of age or older, the parent if the college or university student is under 18 years of age, or the emancipated college or university student indicating that the college or university student, parent or emancipated college or university student has a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations. As of July 1, 2016, beginning with college or university entry, a THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form must be submitted at enrollment.
4. In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption or exception from immunization shall be recognized and exempted persons may be subject to exclusion from school and quarantine.

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E. Official school immunization records

1. Official school immunization records shall include one of the following:
  - A. An official Certificate of Immunization or an Alternate Certificate of Immunization approved by the Department, which shall include one of the following forms of documentation with the dates and types of immunizations administered to a college or university student:
    1. A paper or electronic document that includes information transferred from the records of a licensed physician, registered nurse, delegated physician assistant, or public health official, or

2. An electronic file or hard copy of an electronic file provided to the school directly from the immunization tracking system established pursuant to section 25-4-2403 C.R.S. or from a software program approved by the Department, or
  - B. ~~An official~~ THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD medical exemption form with the date and vaccines exempted from, or
  - C. ~~A~~ THE DEPARTMENT'S STANDARD nonmedical exemption form with the date, type of exemption taken and the vaccines exempted from.
2. Any immunization record (original or copy) provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in any state or territory of the United States, registered nurse, delegated physician assistant, or public health official may be accepted by the school official as proof of immunization.
3. Schools shall have on file an official school immunization record for every college or university student enrolled.

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