

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE

General

Connecticut Statutes provide that students shall present documentation of immunization before being permitted to attend classes/school.

Students preparing to enroll in the Newtown Public Schools are required by State Statutes to be immunized against Poliomyelitis, DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus), DTap, Tdap, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hemophilus Influenzae Type B, Hepatitis B (HBV), and varicella (chickenpox), Meningococcal, Hepatitis A, Pneumococcal and Influenza.

Responsibility

To comply with the State Immunization Law, the parent/guardian must provide an immunization record that documents necessary information about type, date, and dosage and is signed by a physician. A health record from the previous school that documents this information and is in compliance with State Statutes will be an acceptable substitute.

Exemptions

A child's immunization requirements are satisfied when the school receives:

1. A certificate from a physician or a local health agency stating that initial immunizations have been given to the child and the additional immunizations are in process (such as, a child is scheduled to receive additional immunizations in a school sponsored clinic);

Or

2. A certificate from a physician stating that in the opinion of the physician, immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of the child;

Or

3. A statement from the parents or guardians of the child that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of the child;

Or

4. A statement from a physician or director of health that the child has had a confirmed case of the disease;

Or

5. In the case of Hemophilus Influenzae Type B, documentation of a fifth birthday

Or

6. In the case of varicella, documentation of the disease confirmed in writing by a physician or laboratory report.

Failure to comply with the immunization requirements during the enrollment process will cause a postponement of school attendance until the statutory requirements are satisfied, which will result in the student's exclusion from school.

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