

## Shoreline School District Immunization Requirements 2020-2021 School Year

Washington State laws regarding school immunizations are changing starting August 1, 2020.

**Parent-reported immunization information will no longer be accepted.** Only vaccine information that has been **medically-verified\*** will be accepted.

**All students still need a completed Certificate of Immunization (CIS) or completed Certificate of Exemption (COE) form turned in to school prior to the first day.** The required immunizations have not changed, with the exception of the Tdap booster which is now required before 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Ways to report your student's immunization information:**

1. Printout Certificate of Immunization (CIS) from the Washington State Immunization Registry
  - a. Ask your doctor's office or clinic to print this out for you
  - b. You can get access to your own and your student's immunization records. Go to <https://wa.myir.net/> for more information about signing up.
  - c. Your school nurse can print out a CIS from this registry. **Allow at least a week for your school nurse to do this.**
2. Doctor's office or clinic completes the attached blank CIS form
  - a. Bring the attached blank CIS form to your doctor's office or clinic. They can complete it based on vaccine records, and can sign at the bottom.
3. School nurse completes the attached form, based on records that you provide
  - a. Bring all your student's immunization records to school, and ask the school nurse to complete this form. **Allow at least a week for your school nurse to do this.**
  - b. Your school nurse will let you know if your student requires more immunizations prior to starting school.

**If your student needs additional immunizations, DO NOT DELAY in getting these.** Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, **students will not be allowed to start school** if they are out-of-compliance with immunizations.

Turn in your CIS to the school with your enrollment paperwork. **Do not delay!**

For more information, see questions and answers on the back of this sheet.

\* Medically-verified vaccines are those that meet one of the below conditions:

- A medical record from a healthcare provider with their name and signature
- A medical record with an official health facility or provide logo/stamp (for example, a booklet that is stamped with the date, vaccine and clinic)
- A document from another US state or territory immunization registry

## Change of immunization requirements: Questions and Answers

- What immunizations are required for school?
  - This has not changed, with the exception of the Tdap booster which is now required before 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Information about which immunizations are required can be found here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/348-295-SchoolImmReqforParents2020-2021.pdf>
  - Vaccines must be given during the required time frame. **It may take time to determine if your student is in compliance with the laws.**
- What are medically-verified vaccines?
  - A medical record from a healthcare provider with their name and signature
  - A medical record with an official health facility or provider logo/stamp (for example, a booklet that is stamped with the date, vaccine and clinic)
  - A document from another US state or territory immunization registry
- What are the rules if I want to exempt my student from getting vaccinated?
  - These have not changed. You must complete a Certificate of Exemption form, which must be signed by a medical provider and the parent/guardian.
  - Exemptions can be for medical, religious, or personal reasons. **Personal exemptions are not allowed for the MMR vaccine.**
  - Forms can be found here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization#exempt>
- What if I lost my records, but I know my student was vaccinated?
  - Discuss this with your healthcare provider. It is possible blood work can show that they are immune. The healthcare provider may also be able to access records from the Washington State Immunization Registry or may be able to contact your previous clinic.
  - It may be necessary to repeat certain immunizations. It is not considered dangerous or risky to repeat immunizations.
- What is conditional status?
  - All required vaccines are given in a series of 2 or more. It is necessary to wait a certain amount of time between vaccines. If a student has had one, but it is too early to get the next, they can attend school in “conditional status” during this time. If they do not then get the required next vaccine in time, they will then be excluded from school until they do so.
- Really, you won't let my student start school if I don't get you this paperwork?
  - Yes! The rules are changing next year, and we cannot allow students to start unless they are in compliance.
  - For more about these changes, see: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/SchoolandChildCare/RuleChanges>