

Immunization Requirements 2022-2023

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases that vaccines can prevent, unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap).
 - Hepatitis B (Hep B).
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
 - Polio (IPV).
 - Varicella (chickenpox).

Those entering preschool are required to be vaccinated against:

- Hepatitis B.
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTap).
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib).
- Inactivated poliovirus (IPV).
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13).
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR).
- Varicella (chicken pox).

- Colorado follows recommendations set by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella prior to kindergarten entry. Students entering sixth grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entry, even if they are younger than 11-years-old. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html.

- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus, but are not required for school entry

Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions for the 2022-2023 school year:

How to file a nonmedical exemption.

File the certificate of nonmedical exemption WITH a signature from an provider, OR

- File the certificate of nonmedical exemption received upon the completion of our online education module.
- Parents of students in grades K-12 claiming a nonmedical exemption must file one annually. **Nonmedical exemptions expire June 30 each year.** If you submit a nonmedical exemption on or before June 30, it will not be valid for the upcoming school year unless you signed the exemption during early registration.

Online Education Module-

[Online education module for immunizations](#)

- The online education module is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- At the completion of the module, you will be able to complete a form to obtain a certificate of nonmedical exemption. You can complete this form for more than one child without having to retake the course.
- **IMPORTANT:** Nonmedical exemptions expire each year on June 30. If you submit a nonmedical exemption on or before June 30, it will not be valid for the upcoming school year unless you signed the exemption during early registration.

Medical Vaccine Exemptions

- Students with a complete certificate of medical exemption (signed by a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice nurse or delegated physician's assistant) need to file this certificate **only once** unless the student's information or school changes.
- You can file a certificate of medical exemption with us to include in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Check with your child's school or child care to find out whether it needs a paper copy of the certificate of medical exemption. Or, you can file the certificate with your child's school or child care.