

Immunizations

(Discussion)

BP 5141.31

Note: Effective July 1, 2009, school children must be immunized against varicella.

Prior to first entry into school, a child must be fully immunized as required by law against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and varicella. Children over the age of 12 shall not be required to be immunized against rubella (4 AAC 06.055).

~~Any student who does not show evidence of required immunization or who does not present a letter or affidavit from the parent/guardian or physician, physician's assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner stating reasons for exemption based on medical reasons or personal beliefs, shall be excluded from school until such time as the immunization is obtained or affidavit of exemption has been filed with the school.~~

Any student must present one of the following three forms of documentation:

(1) a valid immunization certificate consisting of:

(A) a statement by a physician listing the date that each required immunization was given; or

(B) a copy of a clinic or health center record listing the date that each required immunization was given;

(2) a statement signed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), doctor of osteopathy (D.O.), physician assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner licensed to practice in the State of Alaska, stating that immunizations would, in that individual's professional opinion, be injurious to the health of the child or members of the child's family or household; or

(3) an unexpired and notarized religious exemption if immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of the church or religious denomination of which the parent or guardian is a member.

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude those students who fail to meet immunization requirements as required by law.

Provisional Admission

Where regular weekly medical services are not available, the Superintendent or designee may grant provisional admission to students in exceptional circumstances for up to 90 days. **No other children will be admitted except in exceptional circumstances.**

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusion)

Note: Pursuant to 4 AAC 06.055 immunizations must be provided by state or federal health services if otherwise unavailable in the district or if unaffordable.

Provisional admissions shall be reported to the Department of Health and Social Services. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of available immunization services and state or federal assistance.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.30.065 Supervision
14.30.125 Immunization

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
4 AAC 06.055 Immunizations required

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