

**JLCB      IMMUNIZATIONS OF  
STUDENTS**

Subject to the exemptions as provided by law, immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubeola (measles), mumps, rubella (German measles), (hepatitis A, for a child two (2) through five (5) years of age in a public-school-based day care program or preschool in Maricopa County), hepatitis B, and haemophilus influenzae b (Hib) is required for attendance of any student in any school. A student's immunization record must be submitted prior to attendance, although a student may be conditionally enrolled provided that necessary immunizations have been initiated and a schedule has been established for completion of the required immunizations. A student shall not be allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof of compliance to the Director unless the student is exempted from immunization. On enrollment, the Director shall suspend that student if the student does not have documentary proof of compliance and the student is not exempted from immunization. A student who fails to comply with the immunization schedule shall be suspended from school attendance until documentary proof of compliance is provided to the Director, except that a homeless student shall not be suspended from attendance until the fifth (5th) calendar day after enrollment.

Any student with serologic confirmation of the presence of specific antibodies against a vaccine-preventable disease shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school.

The School will cooperate with county and state health departments in programs of immunization. Parents' permission must be secured before a student may participate in such immunization projects.

Subject to the exemptions in A.R.S. 15-873, immunization against each of the following diseases is required for attendance of any child in any School:

- Diphtheria.
- Tetanus.
- Pertussis.
- Poliomyelitis.
- Rubeola (measles).
- Mumps.
- Rubella (German measles).
- Hepatitis A, for a child two (2) through five (5) years of age in a public-school-based day care program or preschool in Maricopa County.
- Hepatitis B.
- Haemophilus influenzae b (Hib).

Any child is in compliance with the requirements if the child has met the criteria of the appropriate immunization schedule as recommended by the Department of Health Services or is actively in the process of meeting such criteria as evidenced by having received one (1) dose of each of the

required immunizations and has established a schedule for completion of the required immunizations.

A child shall not be allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof to the School Administrator unless the child is exempted from immunization pursuant to section 15-873. Upon enrollment, schools shall forbid attendance of (suspend) any student not meeting the requirements for immunization or exemption from immunization. Homeless students shall be referred to the liaison for the homeless and shall be given five (5) days in which to comply with the immunization requirements.

The admitting official shall deem the student to be in compliance with the requirements if:

- The student's immunization record complies with the documentary proof required pursuant to R9-6-703, and the student has received or is in the process of receiving all required age-specific vaccine doses according to exhibit JLCB-EA; or
- An exemption from immunization is submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in R9-6-705.

When the student's immunization record is not available at the time of enrollment, the school shall provide the responsible person with the following:

- Notification of the lack of compliance with the immunization requirements;
- A written notice that specifies when the required doses shall be completed, notes the availability of exemptions to immunization, and refers the student to a physician or local health department for review of the student's immunization history and provision of immunizations as needed; and
- Notification that the student is suspended until an acceptable immunization record that meets the standards of documentary proof is presented to the school.

When immunization records are presented that do not comply with the standards for documentary proof, the school shall:

- Notify the responsible person of the lack of compliance with the immunization requirements; and
- Obtain a review and verification of the student's immunization record by or in consultation with a certificated school nurse, a public health nurse, a licensed physician, or an authorized representative of a local health department.

If the admitting official is unable to verify the accuracy of the student's immunization record pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the school shall provide to the responsible person:

- A written referral to a physician or local health department for further review of the student's immunization history and provision of immunizations as needed; and
- Notification that the student is suspended until an immunization record that meets the standards of documentary proof is presented to the school. If the record is not provided within ten (10) days, a hearing will be scheduled to determine the extent of the suspension.

Each school shall maintain a current list of students without evidence of immunization or immunity

to the diseases listed in R9-6-701, which shall include the names of all students with incomplete immunization histories or exemptions for personal or medical reasons where evidence of immunity has not been provided.

Schools shall forbid attendance by any students lacking proof of immunization or immunity against any of the immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the State Department of Health Services or local health department during periods of outbreaks of the diseases for which immunity is lacking. The announcement of an outbreak of disease and the length of the period of communicability shall be as declared by the state or local health department.

### **Standards for Documentary Proof**

Proof of immunity to the diseases listed in R9-6-702 shall be documented in accordance with R9-6-704.

Immunization records or statements of immunity shall be signed by a physician or authorized representative of a health agency.

### **Exemptions to Immunizations**

Students who have reached their fifth birthday shall be exempt from the Hib immunization requirement.

Students who have reached their seventh birthday shall be exempt from the pertussis immunization requirement.

Any student with laboratory evidence of immunity shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school, provided that such evidence is submitted to the school.

In accordance with A.R.S. 15-873, documentary proof is not required for a student to be admitted to school if one (1) of the following occurs:

- The parent or guardian of the student submits a signed statement to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian has received information about immunizations provided by the Department of Health Services, understands the risks and benefits of immunizations and the potential risks of nonimmunization, and that, due to personal beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of the student.
- The school administrator receives written certification, signed by the parent or guardian and by a physician, that states that one (1) or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the student's health and indicates the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that precludes immunization.

An exemption pursuant to the preceding subparagraph is valid only during the duration of the circumstance or condition that precludes immunization.

If a medical exemption is granted in accordance with A.R.S. 15-873, it shall be defined by the grantor as either permanent or temporary.

- A permanent medical exemption may be provided for one (1) or more vaccines.
- A temporary medical exemption shall specify the date of its termination. A student with a temporary medical exemption shall be allowed to attend school on the condition that the

required immunizations are obtained at the termination of the exemption. The responsible person shall be notified of the date by which the student shall complete all required immunizations.

Any exemption granted in accordance with A.R.S. 15-873 shall be recorded on the school immunization record in the student's permanent file.

Students who lack documentary proof of immunization shall not attend school during outbreak periods of communicable immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the Department of Health Services or local health department. The Department of Health Services or local health department shall transmit notice of this determination to the school administrator responsible for the exclusion of the students.

### **Required Reports**

By November 15 of each year, the Executive Director shall submit a report on the immunization status of students to the state or local health department on a form provided by the Department

Additional reports that include students in all grades may be required during an outbreak or potential outbreak as determined by the state or local health department.

Each Executive Director of a school whose nurses are authorized to administer vaccines or immunizing agents shall submit monthly reports to the county health department in accordance with the procedures set forth in R9-6-707. Reports are due by the fifth (5th) day of the following month.

An immunization record shall be maintained for each student in the School. Each immunization record shall include the following information:

- Name of the student;
- Date of birth;
- The date of the student's admission to the school;
- The month and year in which each vaccine was received, except for measles, mumps, and rubella, for which the day, month, and year are required.
- The type of immunizing agents administered to the student;
- The date each dose of immunizing agent is administered to the student; and
- The established schedule for completion of immunizations if the student is admitted to or allowed to continue to attend a school pursuant to section 15-872, subsection E.

By November 15 of each year, each administrator of a public-school-based day care program or preschool shall submit a report to the state or local health department on a form provided by the Department.

A school shall transfer an immunization record and signed requests for provision of immunizations, including any revocations thereof, with the mandatory permanent student record and provide at no charge, on request, a copy of the immunization record to the parent or guardian of the pupil.