

## IMMUNIZATIONS

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All schools must collect proof of immunization or exemption from students. This proof is required for school attendance.

### AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCES:

- 18 V.S.A. Chapter 21 § 1121 - Immunizations  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=18&Chapter=021&Section=01121>
- Vermont Department of Health Immunization Requirements;  
<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/SummaryofVTImmRegs.pdf>
- Vermont School Entry Requirements;  
<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>
- Vermont Immunization Registry; <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>
- Vermont Department of Health Immunization Program  
<http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/index.aspx>

### REQUIRED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

1. Follow the Vermont Department of Health guidelines for enforcement of the school immunization law.
2. Review all immunization records of students prior to entering the school system.
3. Maintain immunization record of all students within the school community.
4. Complete the annual immunization status report for the Vermont Department of Health, due January 1.

### SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

1. Develop protocol for tracking of students without adequate immunization.
2. Enroll in the Immunization registry; <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/IMR/index.aspx>

3. Contact local medical home to establish protocol for sharing immunization information.
4. Notify parent(s)/guardian of the need for additional immunizations or adequate documentation.
5. Establish list of students with medical, religious or moral exemptions to immunizations.
6. Collaborate with administration about procedures for exclusion of students not compliant with immunization law.
7. Review immunization requirements for immigrants/refugees.

## RESOURCES:

Procedures for Enforcement of the School Immunization Law”, Vermont Department of Health; <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>

Sample forms for downloading; <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx#forms>