

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All childcare facilities, public or independent kindergarten, and elementary and secondary schools must collect proof of immunization or exemption from students prior to entry and while enrolled. These regulations, which establish minimum immunization requirements for attendance at childcare facilities, public or independent kindergartens, elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools, seek to prevent the introduction and/or transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases within childcare facilities and schools.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCES:

18 V.S.A. §§ 1121 - Immunizations

<http://Legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/021/01121>.

18 V.S.A. § 1123 – Immunization – Exemptions

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/021/01122>

Immunization Rule adopted 6/1/2016

http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016/12/REG_immunization.pdf

Vermont School Entry Requirements

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/child-care-school-providers>

Vermont Immunization Registry

<http://healthvermont.gov/health-statistics-vital-records/registries/immunization>

Immunization Program

<http://healthvermont.gov/disease-control/immunization>

Child Care (including Pre-kindergarten) Entry

http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016/12/REG_immunization.pdf

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.
5. Develop protocol for tracking of students without adequate immunization.
6. Notify parent(s)/guardian of the need for additional immunizations or adequate documentation.
7. Establish list of students with medical or, religious exemptions to immunizations (sample below).
8. Collaborate with administration for processing the exclusion of students not compliant with immunization law.

9. Work with Vermont Department of Health Immunization program to develop solutions leading to full immunization compliance when coordinating care for children or families who are chronically provisionally admitted.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLES:

1. Enroll in the Immunization registry: <http://healthvermont.gov/health-statistics-vital-records/registries/immunization>
2. Build partnerships with local medical home to establish protocol for sharing immunization information.
3. Review immunization requirements for immigrants/refugees.

WHEN STUDENTS ARE NEW TO THE UNITED STATES:

Work with your SU/SD's Student Services Director and School Counselor to --

- Identify health status and how long they have been in the US.
 - Students who are officially Refugees under the UN High Commission qualify for certain services and hold legal status.
 - Undocumented students
- Identify that student has access to financial and social resources to access:
 - Healthcare, including immunizations (see [Health Appraisal of Students section of this Manual](#) and the [VDH School Entry Requirements](#) and [Child Care Entry Requirements](#))
 - Insurance
- As with all students facilitate their access to a medical and dental home. Students from some countries may have been exposed to endemic disease, i.e. tuberculosis, HIV, Hepatitis so access to care may be of higher importance as they attend school.
- Please use the resources below for assistance with the topics above:

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR STUDENTS IN VERMONT NEW TO THE US

- <http://healthvermont.gov/interest-groups/new-vermonters>
- <http://healthvermont.gov/health-professionals-systems/hospitals-health-systems/refugee-health>

Free Clinics: VT Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured

<http://www.vtccu.org/>

FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Clinics in Vermont

<http://healthvermont.gov/systems/health-professionals/shortages-and-designations>

Immunizations

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>

Link to multilingual handouts <https://healthreach.nlm.nih.gov>

Link to multilingual Vaccine Information Statements: <http://immunize.org/vis/>

Undocumented Immigrants & Access to Health Care

<http://www.undocumentedpatients.org/issuebrief/health-policy-and-access-to-care/>

RESOURCES:

Phadke, V.K., Bednarczyk, R.A., Salmon, D.A., Omer, S.B., (2016). Association Between Vaccine Refusal and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the United States A Review of Measles and Pertussis. *Journal of American Medical Association*. 315(11):1149-1158. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.1353

Vermont Agency of Education – LICENSING OF EDUCATORS AND THE PREPARATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS (5000) 5440-65/65a School Nurse/Associate – Effective May 27, 2016
<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/educator-quality-licensing-endorsements-rule-5440>

SAMPLE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND FORMS – must update annually from VDH website**All Current Forms are found online at this site:******Required Immunization Forms for 2019/2020:**

Schools have begun enrolling children in pre-school, K-12, and college programs for school year 2019-20. Immunization forms and information have been updated on the Health Department website:

For Child Care (including pre-school), K-12, and College:

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/immunizations-infectious-disease/immunization/child-care-school-providers>

School and Child Care Immunization Exemption

- *Religious exemption form signed annually --*
http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_CCP_Religious_Exemption.pdf
- *Required Parent Education –*
http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_CCP_Parent_Education_for_Religious_Exemption.pdf
- *Medical Exemption Form --*
http://healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2016/11/ID_IZ_CCP_Medexemption.pdf
- *College and Post-Secondary Exemption Form*
http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/ID_IZ_K12_College_Exemptions.pdf