



CHAPTER 2

Rules and Regulations for School Immunizations

School Immunization Guidelines

Section 1. Authority. The Department of Health is promulgating rules and regulations for the management and control of communicable diseases to comply with W.S. § 35-1-240(a)(ii), W.S. § 35-4-101, W.S. § 21-4-309, and W.S. § 14-4-116, and the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act of W.S. § 16-3-101, *et seq.*

Section 2. Purpose. This Chapter is adopted to define required and recommended immunizations for pupils attending schools in Wyoming.

Section 3. Minimum Immunization Requirements.* Immunizations required and recommended by the State Health Officer in this Chapter are based on national immunization recommendations published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

(a) Child Caring Facility (applies to children over six (6) months of age).*

(i) A vaccine administered up to four (4) days prior to the minimum age for that vaccine is considered compliant with that vaccine administration schedule.

(ii) Age appropriately immunized after six (6) months of age.

(b) Kindergarten through Sixth (6th) Grade. *

(i) A vaccine administered up to four (4) days prior to the minimum age for that vaccine is considered compliant with that vaccine administration schedule.

(ii) Five (5) valid doses are required of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis-containing vaccines.¹

(iii) Three (3) or four (4) valid doses are required of inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV).²

(iv) Two (2) valid doses are required of measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine.

(v) Three (3) valid doses are required of hepatitis B vaccine.

(vi) Completed valid series is required of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine.

(vii) Two (2) valid doses are required of varicella (or history of disease).

(c) Seventh (7th) Grade through Twelfth (12th) Grade. *

(i) A vaccine administered up to four (4) days prior to the minimum age for that vaccine is considered compliant with that vaccine's administration schedule.

(ii) One (1) booster dose is required of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis containing vaccine.

(iii) Documentation of primary vaccine series completion (see requirements for Kindergarten through Sixth (6th) Grade and Seventh (7th) Grade through Twelfth (12th) Grade).

(d) Other Students (e.g. Transfer Students). *

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(ii) Documentation of primary vaccine series completion (see requirements for Kindergarten through Sixth (6th) Grade and Seventh (7th) Grade through Twelfth (12th) Grade).

Section 4. Recommended Immunizations.

(a) Child Caring Facility (applies to children over six (6) months of age).

(i) Influenza vaccine (yearly, based on ACIP recommendations for dosing).

(b) Kindergarten through Sixth (6th) Grade.

(i) Influenza vaccine (yearly, based on ACIP recommendations for dosing).

(ii) Completed valid series of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV).³

(iii) Two (2) doses, separated by six (6) calendar months, of hepatitis A vaccine.

(c) Seventh (7th) Grade through Twelfth (12th) Grade.

(i) Influenza vaccine (yearly, based on ACIP recommendations for dosing).

(ii) One (1) dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV), minimum age of eleven (11) years.

(iii) Completed valid series of human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV), minimum age of nine (9) years for first dose.

(d) Other Students (e.g. Transfer Students)

(i) Influenza vaccine (yearly, based on ACIP recommendations for dosing).

* Minimum immunization requirements apply, unless specific vaccines are in short supply. During periods of vaccine shortage, interim minimum requirements may be implemented through an advisory notification to school administrators from the State Health Officer.

FOOTNOTES

¹ If a fourth (4th) dose of DTaP vaccine was administered on or after a child's fourth (4th) birthday, and at least six (6) months has passed since the third (3rd) dose, a fifth (5th) dose is not required.

² Children who receive three (3) doses of IPV before the fourth (4th) birthday should receive a fourth (4th) dose before or at school entry. The fourth (4th) dose is not needed if the third (3rd) dose is given on or after the fourth (4th) birthday. If all four (4) doses are given after six (6) weeks of age and are all separated by at least four (4) weeks, a fifth (5th) dose is not needed, even if the fourth (4th) dose was administered before four (4) years of age.

³ Healthy children between ages two (2) and (4) years that have not completed a series of PCV should receive one (1) dose. Children with risk factors should receive one (1) or two (2) doses of PCV, if they have not already completed the four (4)-dose series.