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Wyoming Immunization Requirements

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS ON WYOMING
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING
SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARING
FACILITIES.

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WHAT DOCUMENT(S) DO I NEED TO TAKE TO MY CHILD'S SCHOOL OR CHILD CARING FACILITY?

Parents must provide schools or child caring facilities with a certified immunization record from the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WYIR), a U.S. licensed physician or a public health authority, provide lab evidence of immunity, or an approved waiver.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION?

If the required documentation is not received within 30 calendar days of entry, administrators must exclude the child from attending school or the child caring facility.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DID NOT HAVE THE VARICELLA VACCINE BECAUSE THEY HAD CHICKENPOX?

Parents must have a Verification of Disease form or statement from a physician in line with Ch. 3 of the Administrative Rules. The form and relevant information can be found at www.immunizewyoming.com.

WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO VACCINATE MY CHILD?

Wyoming has a process outlined for parents to apply for a waiver to the mandatory immunizations based on religious objection or a medical contraindication. Please note that Wyoming statute does not allow for a waiver based on philosophical or personal beliefs. Information about this process and relevant forms can be found at www.immunizewyoming.com.

ARE OTHER VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

In addition mandatory immunizations, the following vaccines are recommended for your child:

- Flu/influenza
- Hepatitis A
- HPV
- Meningococcal
- COVID-19



WHO DO THESE RULES APPLY TO?

These rules apply to any child attending a public or private school, including religious-based schools, or a child caring facility, as well as children participating in school-sanctioned activities.

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RECEIVE THESE VACCINATIONS?

In regard to age, number of doses, and time between doses, vaccines should be administered according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommended Immunization Schedules found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html.

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD?

Option 1: Request a record from a healthcare provider.

Please check with your provider to ask if they can give you a complete immunization record for you or your child. They can print it from the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) or from their medical record system.

Option 2: Submit a request to WDH. To request a disclosure of immunization information, submit proof of identity and the WDH Authorization to Release Health Records form found at www.immunizewyoming.com to the WDH.

Option 3: Grant consent to the school to access the WyIR. With consent, schools are able to access immunization record information from the WyIR for students.

WHY ARE VACCINES IMPORTANT?

Vaccination is one of the best ways parents can protect infants, children, and teens from 17 potentially harmful diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or can be deadly - especially in infants and young children.

IMMUNITY FOR EVERY COMMUNITY!



TO ATTEND A WYOMING SCHOOL OR CHILD CARING FACILITY, THE FOLLOWING AGE-APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS ARE MANDATORY:

Diphtheria: causes heart failure, breathing problems, coma, swelling of the neck and throat, and death.

H. influenzae infections: causes meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), bloodstream infections, permanent disability, and death.

Hepatitis B: causes jaundice (yellow skin or eyes), life-long liver problems, such as scarring and liver cancer, and death.

Measles: causes pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring), brain damage, rash, and death.

Mumps: causes meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, deafness, swollen salivary glands, and death.

Pertussis (whooping cough): causes severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death.

Pneumococcal disease: causes fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, pneumonia (lung infection), meningitis, ear infections, and chest pain.

Poliovirus: causes paralysis (can't move parts of the body), meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability, and death.

Rotavirus: may cause watery diarrhea, vomiting, fever, stomach pain, and dehydration.

Rubella: causes rash, arthritis, and muscle or joint pain.

Tetanus: causes "locking" of the jaw, difficulty swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and staring), painful tightening of muscles in the head and neck, and death.

Varicella-zoster virus: may cause severe skin infections, pneumonia, brain damage, and death.