

Wyoming Immunization Requirements

Information for parents and guardians on Wyoming immunization requirements for children attending schools and child caring facilities.

Q: What Document(s) Do I Need to Take to My Child's School or Child Caring Facility?

A: Parents must provide schools 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.

Q: What Happens If I Do Not Provide Proof of Vaccination?

A: 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.

Q: What If My Child Did Not Have the Varicella Vaccine Because They Had Chickenpox?

A: Parents must have a Verification of Disease form or statement from a physician in line with Ch. 3 of the Administrative Rules. The form is available at www.immunizewyoming.com. Information about this process and relevant forms can be found at www.immunizewyoming.com.

Q: What If I Choose Not to Vaccinate My Child?

A: Wyoming does allow 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.

Q: Are other vaccines available for my child?

A: In addition, these vaccines are recommended for your child:

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

Q: Who Do These Rules Apply To?

A: 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.

Q: When Should My Child Receive These Vaccinations?

A: 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.

Q: How Do I Get a Copy of My Child's Immunization Record?

A: 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.

Q: Why are vaccines important?

A: 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 even be deadly - especially in infants and young children.

To attend a WY school or child caring facility, children must have the following age-appropriate vaccinations:

- 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: (lung infection) causes fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, pneumonia, 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.