IMMUNIZATION DECISION TREE FOR SCHOOL HEALTH TEAM

Health Team shall consist of member of school leadership, member of registrar’s office, and IPOC

Start-of-School
OR
When school first becomes aware that a student is not fully immunized

School Health Team Shall Verify:
Does student have all required immunizations?
   OR
   Medical Exemption
   OR
   Religious Exemption
   OR
   HPV Opt-Out
   (Relevant for HPV only; Students aged 11+)

TEMPORARILY ADMIT FOR 20 SCHOOL DAYS
Notify the parent, guardian, or adult student in writing of the missing immunizations immediately and initiate 20-school day period. Routinely follow up with the parent, guardian, or adult student until immunization certification is secured by the school.
(See Immunization Attendance Policy for recommended communication protocols)

REMOVE FROM SCHOOL AFTER 20 SCHOOL DAYS
If the parent, guardian, or adult student does not submit immunization certification within 20 school days, then the school shall remove the student from school and notify the parent, guardian, or adult student that the student may not return until immunization certification is submitted to the school. Schools shall record the student’s attendance as “unexcused absence - immunization” until the necessary immunization documentation is received.

ALLOW STUDENT TO ATTEND
No further action necessary

SCHOOL RECEIVES IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATION WITHIN 20 SCHOOL DAYS
ALLOW STUDENT TO ATTEND
No further action necessary

SCHOOL RECEIVES IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATION AFTER REMOVAL
ALLOW STUDENT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL
Student shall be allowed to return to school. Reclassify the unexcused school days as “excused absence - immunization.”

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STAY ON TRACK!
Now more than ever, it’s important that your child receives their immunizations on time.