STAY ON TRACK!

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

IMMUNIZATION ATTENDANCE POLICY:
SIX STEPS TO A FULLY IMMUNIZED SCHOOL

For full details, access the Immunization Attendance Policy on the OSSE website.

Establish School-Level Responsibilities and a School Health Team

STEP 1

Disseminate Information to All Families and Establish Communications Protocols

STEP 2

Conduct Frequent Reviews of Immunization Certification Compliance

STEP 3

Take Action to Notify Non-Compliant Students Prior to Removal from School
- Double-Check Records
- Send Initial and Subsequent Notifications to Parent, Guardian, or Adult Student
- Send a Final Determination Notification to Parent, Guardian, or Adult Student on the 20th School Day

STEP 4

Take Action for Non-Compliant Students after the 20-School Day Period has Passed
- Use “Unexcused Absence - Immunization” Attendance Code for Each Day Missed
- Continue Outreach Efforts to Parent, Guardian, or Adult Student

STEP 5

Take Action when a Student is Allowed to Return after Previously Being Removed from School
- Confirm Receipt of Immunization Certification to Parent, Guardian, or Adult Student
- Reclassify Absent Days to “Excused Absence - Immunization” Attendance Code

STEP 6

SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS:

- Students experiencing homelessness: Never remove from school.
- Military children: Give 30 calendar days from the date of stage 5 enrollment to provide immunization certification.
- Students with disabilities: Not exempt from the requirements.
- Adult and foreign-born students: May require review from DC Health of older or foreign proof of immunization certification.
- Transferring students: Immunization certification is the responsibility of the enrolling school. If a student transfers to a new school, the newly enrolling school must ensure immunization certification is met.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

OSSE: bit.ly/DCIAP
- Immunization Attendance Policy Webinar
- Resources to share with families
- Template notification letters

DC Health: dchealth.dc.gov/node/112212
- Immunization requirements and forms
- Pediatric immunizations locations

DC Health Link: dchealthlink.com/
- Access to health insurance