DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Enforcement of the School Immunization Policy for the 2026-27 School Year

ALL GRADES

- All students in the District of Columbia are expected to comply with the immunization requirements.
- Schools must conduct outreach to families of non-compliant students in all grades.
- Outreach should include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Information in enrollment packets about immunization requirements;
  - Outreach to all families of non-compliant students in the spring to encourage them to get immunized before the start of the 2026-27 school year; and
  - Targeted outreach to all families of non-compliant students beginning in September and continuing throughout the school year.

GRADES PRE-K 3, KINDERGARTEN, 7 AND 11

- Students in grades pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7 and 11 will be temporarily excluded from school after Count Day due to immunization non-compliance.
- In addition to the outreach that occurs for all grades, schools must also implement the exclusion process for non-compliant students in grades pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7 and 11.
- This process includes the following:
  - **From Oct. 13-23:** Accessing the school's list of non-compliant students via the Immunization Compliance Portal (ICP) and developing warning notifications of temporary exclusion for all non-compliant students in grades pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7 and 11;
  - **On Oct. 26:** Sending warning notifications of temporary exclusion to all non-compliant students in grades pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7 and 11;
  - **Throughout November:** Continuing outreach reminders to the families of non-compliant students in grades pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7 and 11;
  - **On Dec. 4:** Sending final notifications of temporary exclusion to any remaining non-compliant students who received warning notifications of temporary exclusion on **Oct. 26**; and
  - **On Dec. 7:** Beginning exclusion of non-compliant students who received final notifications of temporary exclusion on **Dec. 4**.
  - **After Dec. 7:** Continuing outreach to excluded non-compliant students until they come into compliance with immunization requirements.
  - **After Dec. 7:** Referring any excluded students with extended periods of absence to the Child and Family Services Administration (CFSA) for educational neglect or to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for truancy.

For more information, view the key dates one-pager on the OSSE website: osse.dc.gov/immunization.

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