



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Immunization Requirements and Students Experiencing Homelessness

Due to federal protections for the students experiencing homelessness,¹ **schools shall not exclude students experiencing homelessness from school based on immunization certification non-compliance** unless the student has been exposed or is at risk of exposure to a communicable disease.²

Take these steps to support students experiencing homelessness with getting their immunizations:

1. Refer the parent, guardian, unaccompanied minor, or adult student to the school-based or LEA homeless liaison. The homeless liaison will assist in obtaining necessary immunizations, screenings, or other required health records.
 - Resources for accessing immunizations can be found [here](#).
2. If the exclusion date passes for a student experiencing homelessness in grade pre-K 3, kindergarten, 7, or 11, **DO NOT EXCLUDE** the student.
3. Continue to work with the local education agency- (LEA)- or school-based homeless liaison, Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), DC Health and the parent, guardian, or student (unaccompanied or adult) to ensure the immunization certification is obtained as soon as possible.

¹ 42 U.S. Code § 11432(g)(3)(C)(i).

² DCMR 5-E § 5300.10.