DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Immunization Requirements and Adult Students

The immunization requirements DO apply to adult students:

- Enrolled in a grade up to grade 12 or pursuing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) Certificate of Completion

  and

- Who are younger than age 26 at the start of the school term.[1]

Take these steps to support adult students with getting their immunizations:

1. Conduct frequent outreach to non-compliant students starting during the enrollment period and continuing until immunization certification is submitted to the school.
2. For any student who no longer has paper records of the immunization, an alternative proof of immunization from a physician, including via blood testing, may be necessary.
   - The Immunization Point of Contact (IPOC) should contact the DC Health Immunization Program to appropriately secure and record the necessary documentation for immunization certification.
3. For any student whose immunizations were administered outside of the United States, their foreign immunization records may need interpreting.
   - The IPOC should contact the DC Health Immunization Program to appropriately secure and record the necessary documentation for immunization certification.

The immunization requirements DO NOT apply to adult students:

- Enrolled in adult-serving schools or alternative schools:
  - Who are on an academic track which leads to diplomas issued as a result of the tests of GED or the National External Diploma Program (NEDP);

    OR

  - Who are on an academic track that does not offer a diploma option but offers adult basic education, English language instruction and/or industry-specific workforce training.

Adult education and alternative schools whose students are not in grade bands should continue to promote immunizations and work with DC Health to identify students that need immunizations or access to care, but these students are not required to be excluded from school due to immunization non-compliance.

Endnotes

1 DC Official Code § 38–501(3).