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IMMUNIZATION

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board of Education requires all children entering school in **this District** to show proof of immunization against chickenpox, ~~Hepatitis-~~**Hepatitis B**, measles, ~~meningitis,~~ mumps, diphtheria, polio, rubella, tetanus, and whooping cough or produces a certificate from the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health granting the child or person an exemption from the compulsory immunization requirements of WV Code 16-3-4. **A medical exemption request must be made by a licensed physician and state that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization is contraindicated or there exists a specific precaution to a particular vaccine.** For preschool children entering a school housing other children in grades kindergarten through 12, **Hepatitis A, Hib, and PCV immunizations are required along with** the above immunization requirements hold to the extent that they are age appropriate in accordance with the immunization schedules found at www.cdc.gov by searching under "Immunization Schedules".

A student who does not have a completed certificate of immunization or other similar medical record of immunizations shall show proof that s/he has received at least one (1) dose of each of the required vaccines in order to be provisionally enrolled in school.

Provisional enrollment may continue ~~for up to eight (8) months from school entry. After attending school for a maximum of eight (8) months, all~~ **from school entry to a time period established by the WVDHHR, W.V. 64CRS95.** All provisionally enrolled students shall show proof to the school that they have completed all of the required immunizations.

Proof of prior measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis or Hepatitis B disease being used in lieu of vaccination requires a document signed by a physician indicating, at a minimum, the name of the patient, the date of the illness and any obtained laboratory evidence of the diagnosis. If the historical disease diagnosis is in question, current laboratory evidence of immunity may be required.

The verbal or written statement of the parent or legal guardian of a child shall suffice to prove that a child has had chickenpox and is considered to be proof of immunity.

~~Any person who cannot give satisfactory proof of having the required immunizations or a certificate from a reputable physician showing that one or all of the required immunizations is impossible or improper or sufficient reason why any or all immunizations should not be done, shall be immunized prior to being admitted in any of the County schools. If the exemption noted by the physician is temporary, a obtain shall be made as to the future date at which the exemption should be reevaluated.~~

~~Requests for medical exemption from vaccine requirements shall be reviewed and approved or denied initially by the local health officer in the county where the requestor attends school. Approval or denial of a request shall be in writing and a copy of the response shall be sent to the State Health Officer. The local health officer's decision on a request for a medical exemption from immunization may be reviewed by the State Health Officer. That decision may be appealed through the administrative review procedure outlined in 64 CSR 95, 10 and 64 CSR 1.~~

Children who are delinquent for any required vaccinations, ~~or who have exceeded the eight (8) month delinquency for any required vaccinations, or who have exceeded the eight (8) month~~ **or who have exceeded the** provisional enrollment period, will be considered to be out of compliance with the law and may be required to stop receiving educational services at the school until the appropriate vaccine(s) are received and the records are amended.

All children entering grades 7 and 12 must show proof of the immunization booster against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and immunization against meningococcal disease upon entry or produce a certificate from the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health granting the child or person an exemption from the compulsory immunization requirements of WV Code 16-3-4. There shall be no provisional enrollment permitted.

A student who is newly entering the school system at age thirteen (13), fourteen (14) or fifteen (15), and who has not been previously vaccinated with MCV4 must receive the MCV4 vaccination and must also show proof of a booster shot on or after age sixteen (16) and prior to entry into the 12th grade.

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A student who is newly entering the school system at age sixteen (16) or older and who has not been previously vaccinated with MCV4 must receive a MCV4 vaccination and will not be required to show proof of a booster prior to entry into the 12th grade.

Any ~~teacher~~ school personnel having information concerning any person who attempts to enter school for the first time without having been immunized shall report the names of all such persons to the ~~commissioner~~ **Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health**.

The attendance director shall assist in obtaining immunizations or records of immunizations for those students that do not have them and assure that students are enrolled while the records are being obtained. Immunization records are accessible through the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS).

~~All children matriculating from a West Virginia school to grades seven (7) and twelve (12) must show proof of the immunization booster against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and immunization against meningococcal disease upon entry. There shall be no provisional enrollment permitted. Request for medical exemption from these vaccine requirements shall be in accordance with those students entering school for the first time as indicated above.~~

The following vaccines are recommended for children attending public schools, at the appropriate age: influenza, meningococcal, Tdap, human papillomavirus (~~females only~~), other vaccines recommended for various high risk populations in the school setting may be found on the immunization schedule at www.cdc.gov by searching under "Immunization Schedules".

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West Virginia State Board of Education policy 2525
WV Code 16-3-4 and 5
64 CSR 95

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