

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

Background

In order to protect the health of the school population and to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases, the District encourages students entering school to have immunizations against certain communicable diseases.

Procedures

1. Any child seeking admission to a District school must provide evidence from a licensed physician or an authorized health clinic (within forty-five (45) days of the first day of attendance) of immunization against the following communicable diseases as recommended by Alberta Health Services:
 - 1.1 Diphtheria;
 - 1.2 Pertussis (Whooping Cough);
 - 1.3 Tetanus;
 - 1.4 Poliomyelitis;
 - 1.5 Measles;
 - 1.6 Rubella;
 - 1.7 Meningococcal Conjugate;
 - 1.8 Mumps;
 - 1.9 Hepatitis B;
 - 1.10 Varicella Zoster or history of chicken pox disease.
2. A child admitted to specified grades may remain in school without the required certification if a physician's written certification indicates that immunization would be detrimental to the child's health, or if the parent or guardian states in writing that they have moral convictions or religious beliefs opposed to immunization.
3. Children exempted may be excluded from school for the duration of a community outbreak of a communicable disease, at the discretion of the Medical Health Officer.

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Reference: Section 16.2, 18, 20, 45, 45.1, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act
Public Health Act