



Immunization Requirements

7th Grade Entry 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read this information carefully as you prepare for your 7th grade student to enter junior high school. Please note the following:

- If you wish to have an exemption for your student, an online educational module must be completed, the exemption form must be printed and turned into the school in order for the exemption to be valid.
- Tdap booster, a second varicella (chicken pox) and Meningococcal vaccine are the additional required immunizations to enter junior high school.
- If your student has previously had the chicken pox a doctor's signed verification must be provided in order to be exempt from the varicella vaccine.

To attend the 7th grade, a student must have written proof of receiving the following immunizations:

- **Tdap**
- 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Varicella (chickenpox) or proof of immunity to disease signed by a health care provider (see below)
- **1 Meningococcal (Only Meningococcal vaccine given after 10 years of age is acceptable for 7th grade school entry)**
- 4 Polio (3 doses, if 3rd dose was given on/after 4th birthday)
- 2 Hepatitis A
- 5 DTaP/DT (4 doses of DTaP, if 4th dose given on/after 4th birthday; 3 doses of Td, if starting series after age 7 years with a single dose of Tdap preferred as the first dose)

Starting July 1, 2018 (Utah House Bill 308—School Immunization Law in Utah)

HB 308 Section 53-A-301 requires that students claiming immunity against a disease for which vaccination is required because the student previously contracted the disease **must submit a document signed by a healthcare provider** to the school as proof of immunity. Parents are no longer allowed to sign the Utah School Immunization Record for history of chickenpox disease verification or any other diseases. Schools must attach the immunity document from the provider to the Utah School Immunization Record.

Changes for Medical, Religious, or Personal Exemptions:

“To receive a vaccination exemption form, the legally responsible individual of a student **must complete an online education module** about vaccine-preventable diseases (free of charge), **print the vaccine exemption form**, and present the form to the school. If the legally responsible individual *declines to complete the online education module*, he/she must receive an *in-person consultation* at the local health department (\$25 fee may apply), sign the exemption form at the local health department, and provide a copy of the completed school immunization exemption form to the school official.”

Medical Exemption: In addition to completing the *online educational module* and *vaccine exemption form* as stated in the above paragraph, a **written notice signed by a licensed healthcare provider** stating, that due to the physical condition of the student/child, administration of the vaccine would endanger the student's/child's life or health **is required**.

Note: The *online educational module* is available on the Utah Immunization Program website (www.immunize-utah.org). A link will also be available on websites of local health departments, local educational agencies, and other public health programs or organizations.