

## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

### I. Immunization Requirements

- A. Per [Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\)](#), each student enrolled at Parish Episcopal School shall be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the most current immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- B. All students shall have a completed and current immunization record on file for enrollment to be valid. Prior to the first day of attendance, new students must present a copy of his/her immunization record.

Per [Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, §97.68](#), acceptable evidence of vaccination must include:

- 1) The month, day, and year each vaccine was administered.
  - 2) The signature or stamp of the physician or physician's designee, or public health personnel. Immunization records generated from electronic health record systems must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp.
  - 3) An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority is acceptable.
  - 4) An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state, is acceptable.
- C. Any student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be allowed to start/return to school until the required up to date immunization record has been received.
  - D. Exclusions
    - a. Parish Episcopal School no longer accepts Affidavits for Immunization Exemption for Reasons of Conscience.
    - b. To claim exclusion for medical reasons, a written statement signed by a board-certified allergy/immunology or hematology/oncology physician licensed by any state in the United States (M.D. or D.O.) who has examined the student and determined one or more of the following:
      - i. A vaccination to be medically contraindicated and injurious to the health and well-being of the child; or
      - ii. An allergy to the vaccination(s) identified in the statement and may suffer severe allergic reaction(s) as described in the statement; or
      - iii. An immunodeficiency described in the statement and may suffer serious health risk(s) as described in the statement if the student receives the vaccination(s) specifically identified in the statement; and
      - iv. The child does not pose a health risk to the school or community if enrolled without receiving an immunization.

### II. Provisional Enrollment

A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age/grade-appropriate vaccine required. A

student must not be overdue for the next dose in series to be considered provisional. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. (Refer to the [Provisional Enrollment Dosing Schedule](#) on the Texas Department of State Health Services website). A school nurse or health services administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance, and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered and proof of immunization has been provided to the school ([Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, §97.66](#)).