



## St. Pius X Catholic High School

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### St. Pius X Immunization Policy

The state of Georgia and the Archdiocese of Atlanta require up-to-date or completed immunizations for school attendance. All students entering school (through 19 years of age) must be immunized according to the rules and regulations established by the Georgia Department of Public Health. For current immunization requirements, please visit the [Immunization Section](#) of the Georgia Department of Health website.

The Certificate of Immunization, Form 3231, is the official record of immunization. This certificate is required of each student and must be updated and readily available for auditing in the event of disease outbreak.

- Certificates of immunization (form 3231) with an expiration date must be updated within thirty days of that date.
- Certificates of immunization (form 3231) from a state other than Georgia must be updated within thirty days of starting school.

The Catholic Church does not recognize an immunization exemption based upon matter of conscience/religious convictions, and does not accept any alternative or homeopathic immunization that has not been approved by the FDA. Medical exemptions are considered and are applicable when a child has a long term condition that contraindicates immunizations. Parents requesting a medical exemption from any Georgia State required immunization must provide a detailed explanation of the child's disability and/or disease process as documented by a licensed pediatrician. This documentation must be provided on the pediatrician's official letter head, and must contain the physician's medical license number. It must state of the medical exemption is temporary or permanent. The Archdiocese of Atlanta reserves the right to obtain a second medical opinion in such cases.