

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Under state law, every student must either have proof of immunization against the contagious diseases for which the state requires such protection, a statement from a licensed physician that the student may not safely be immunized, or a statement from his parents or legal guardian that such immunization is against their beliefs.

School nurses will keep records of each student's immunization and illness history as required by the state to prevent the spread of contagious disease.

Rhode Island Schools and health care providers are responsible for documentation and enforcement of the school immunization law, which is a public health matter, as part of their official mandate. Therefore, providers can share immunization data to schools and health care providers without patient authorization.

Current practice codified 1983

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