



GERMAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
NEW YORK

## **Immunization Policy**

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## **I. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

In compliance with New York State Public Health Law §2164 and NYCRR Title 10, all GISNY students must meet the mandatory immunization requirements for school entry and continued attendance. Additionally, GISNY must maintain accurate immunization records for all enrolled students.

## **II. INCOMPLETE RECORDS AND GRACE PERIOD**

Students with incomplete immunization records may be granted a grace period as permitted under New York State law, provided the family demonstrates a good faith effort to obtain the necessary immunizations.

- **Good Faith Effort Requirements:**  
Families must provide documentation from a healthcare provider specifying the date(s) of scheduled immunization appointments.
- **Grace Period Duration:**
  - 14 calendar days for students residing in New York.
  - 30 calendar days for students transferring from out of state or overseas.

## **III. EXEMPTIONS**

- **Permitted Exemptions:** Only medical exemptions are allowed, as defined by New York State law.
- **Prohibited Exemptions:** Religious exemptions are not permitted.

## **IV. NON-COMPLIANCE CONSEQUENCES**

GISNY is legally obligated to exclude students who fail to comply with the immunization requirements after any applicable grace period expires. The school principal or designated authority will enforce the exclusion policy.

## **V. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING**

GISNY must electronically submit an annual immunization survey to the New York State Department of Health to verify the completeness of student immunization records.

## **VI. AUDIT AND ENFORCEMENT**

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has the authority to:

- Audit GISNY's immunization records at any time.
- Pursue legal action to ensure compliance with immunization laws and regulations.

GISNY, a school serving a large international student population, is considered high-risk and must maintain full audit readiness.

## VII. IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

### 1. Initial Review

- The school nurse will review immunization records for every student during the application process.
- Families will be promptly notified of any missing immunizations and provided with guidance on resolving the issue.

### 2. Support for Families

- Families relocating to New York can contact nurse@gisny.org for recommendations on local pediatricians.
- Once connected with a pediatrician, families may schedule immunization-only visits to meet the requirements promptly.

### 3. Exclusion Enforcement:

- By New York State laws, GISNY will strictly enforce the exclusion of non-compliant students once the applicable grace period has expired.

## VIII. VERSION

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