Immunization Exemptions

OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

- Oklahoma law requires parents of all children attending school, child care facilities, and Head Start in this state submit immunization documentation. This documentation is required before the child is allowed to enter or attend school, child care or Head Start.

- Oklahoma law allows exemptions for medical, religious, or personal reasons.

    - Children with specific medical contraindications to any or all immunizations may be allowed to attend if the medical reason is stated and this statement is signed by a licensed physician and submitted to the school, child care facility or Head Start. Children whose parents object to immunizations based on religious teachings or personal beliefs may seek an exemption.

    - Lost immunization records are not grounds for an exemption to the immunization requirements. Parents who have lost their child's records should contact their local health department or family physician. The nurse or doctor can interpret past immunization history, provide any needed immunizations, and create a record for the parent that can then be submitted to the school, child care facility or Head Start and transcribed for the student's record.

- In the case of a disease outbreak in a school, representatives of the Oklahoma State Department of Health or local health department will visit the school, thoroughly review student immunization records, and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health on whether students with exemptions should be excluded from school or school functions for the duration of the outbreak. These children may be susceptible to the diseases and, therefore, may be excluded for the duration of any outbreak for their own health and for the health of other children.

- The Commissioner of Health has the authority to exclude students with exemptions from school for the duration of a disease outbreak. This decision is usually based on the risk of disease transmission in the facility. The risk of transmission depends on the characteristics of the particular disease and the potential number of susceptible people who could be exposed to it.

SCAN or visit
imm-public.osdh.immytech.com
to request an exemption
for your child.

1. Create an account.
2. Submit your exemption online through the portal.
3. Upon receiving your completed request, Immunization Service will review your request and will either approve or deny the request within 1-3 business days.
4. Upon receiving an approved exemption, you will receive an email notice to log back into the portal to download the approved exemption certificate.
5. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for providing the approved exemption letter to their child's school, child care facility or Head Start program.