



## Dear parents/guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools for the 2022-23 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

### Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases that vaccines can prevent, unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit [cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines). Your student must be vaccinated against:
  - Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap).
  - Hepatitis B (Hep B).
  - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
  - Polio (IPV).
  - Varicella (chickenpox).
- Colorado follows recommendations set by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella prior to kindergarten entry. Students entering sixth grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entry, even if they are younger than 11-years-old. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at [cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html](https://cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html).
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus, but are not required for school entry.

### Exclusion from school

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date *Certificate of Immunization*, *Certificate of Exemption*, or in-process plan on file for your student.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

### Have questions?

Talk with a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html>, <https://childvaccineco.org/>, [ImmunizeForGood.com](https://immunizeforgood.com), and [cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education).

### Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to [COVax4Kids.org](https://COVax4Kids.org), contact your LPHA, or call the Mile High Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777 to ask about Medicaid contact information. You can find your LPHA at [cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency).

### Vaccination records

- Please take your student's updated *Certificate of Immunization* to school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Visit [COVaxRecords.org](https://COVaxRecords.org) for more information, including directions for how to use the CIIS Public Portal to view and print your student's vaccine record.

### Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).

- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
  - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR
  - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* received upon the completion of our online education module.
- Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions).

### How's your school doing on vaccinations?

Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in §25-4-911, CRS. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at [COVaxRates.org](http://COVaxRates.org).

School Name	2020-2021 MMR Immunization Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER	2020-2021 MMR Exemption Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER
<i>Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians</i>		
<b>Vaccinated Children Standard 95% Immunization Rate for All School-Required Vaccines</b>	2020-2021 DTaP/Tdap Immunization Rate	2020-2021 DTaP/Tdap Exemption Rate
	2020-2021 HepB Immunization Rate	2020-2021 HepB Exemption Rate
	2020-2021 IPV Immunization Rate	2020-2021 IPV Exemption Rate
	2020-2021 Varicella Immunization Rate	2020-2021 Varicella Exemption Rate



# Immunization

## Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption

Colorado law C.R.S. § 25-4-902 requires all students attending any school in the state of Colorado to be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases, as established by Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2, unless an exemption is filed. This law applies to students attending public, private and parochial kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, colleges or universities, and child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services including child care centers, school-age child care centers, preschools, day camps, resident camps, day treatment centers, family child care homes, foster care homes, and Head Start programs. “Nonmedical exemption” means an immunization exemption based upon a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations or a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations. Prior to kindergarten, a nonmedical exemption must be filed each time a student is due for vaccines according to the schedule developed by the ACIP.<sup>1,2</sup> From kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, a nonmedical exemption must be filed every year during the student’s school enrollment/ registration process.<sup>1</sup> Students with a recorded immunization exemption may be kept out of a child care facility or school during a disease outbreak; the length of time will vary depending on the type of the disease and the circumstances of the outbreak.

Please complete all required fields below and obtain all required signatures; incomplete forms will not be accepted.

### Student Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Date of Birth:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> X	

Parent/Guardian Completing This Form:  Check if an emancipated student or student over 18 years old

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Relationship to student: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian		

### School/Licensed Child Care Facility Information:

School Name/Licensed Child Care Facility:		
School District:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Not Applicable	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Required Vaccines for School Entry - Place an “X” next to each vaccine for which you are claiming a nonmedical exemption.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varicella (chickenpox)

### Statement of Exemption

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student or am the student myself (emancipated or over 18 years of age) and am claiming a nonmedical exemption from the vaccine(s) indicated above. The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate. I can review evidence-based vaccine information at [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education), [www.spreadthevaxfacts.com/](http://www.spreadthevaxfacts.com/), [www.ImmunizeForGood.com/](http://www.ImmunizeForGood.com/) for additional information on the benefits and risks of vaccines and the diseases they prevent. I can contact the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) at [www.covaxrecords.org](http://www.covaxrecords.org) or my health care provider to locate my child’s/my immunization record.<sup>3</sup>

REQUIRED Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian/Student (emancipated or over 18 years old)

### REQUIRED Provider Signature Section:

REQUIRED Print Name, Title, and Signature: _____ Date: _____ <small>Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse (RN) or Pharmacist (authorized pursuant to section 12-240-107 (6), C.R.S.)</small> REQUIRED Colorado Professional License Number: _____
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<sup>1</sup> Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=7698&fileName=6%20CCR%201009-2>

<sup>2</sup> 2021 Recommended Immunizations from Birth through 6 Years Old: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf). Based on this schedule, a nonmedical exemption would be submitted at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months of age.

<sup>3</sup> Under Colorado law, you have the option to exclude your child’s/your information from CIIS at any time. To opt out of CIIS, go to [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures). Please be advised you will be responsible for maintaining your child’s/your immunization records to ensure school compliance.



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Please complete all required fields below and obtain all required signatures; incomplete forms will not be accepted.

### Student Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Date of Birth:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> X	

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School Name/Licensed Child Care Facility:		
School District:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Not Applicable	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

### Required Vaccines for School Entry

Check each vaccine declined:	List medical contraindication(s) for each vaccine declined:
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP, Tdap)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)	

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The physical condition of the above named student is such that vaccination would endanger their life or health or is medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions. The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate.

**REQUIRED** Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), or Physician Assistant (authorized pursuant to section 12-240-107 (6), C.R.S.)

**REQUIRED:** \_\_\_\_\_ Professional License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (State/Territory)

Under Colorado law, you have the option to exclude your child's/your information from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). To opt out of CIIS, go to: [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures). Please be advised that you will be responsible for maintaining your child's/your immunization records to ensure school compliance.