

**IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS**

RSA: 200:38-I States “All children shall be immunized prior to school entrance according to the current recommendations of the State Public Health Agency.”

Any child being admitted to the District must present proof of meeting the physical examination and immunization requirements on or before the date of entrance. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child. The school nurse, principal or designee is responsible for documenting that all students have been immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a.

Principals will notify parents of this requirement at the earliest possible date, so that the necessary plans can be made with the family physician or other medical resources to accomplish this standard prior to a child being admitted to school.

Ed 311.01 School Immunization Program.

- (a) A parent or legal guardian shall have a child immunized against the following diseases: diphtheria, mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, varicella, hepatitis B, measles, Hib influenza and tetanus as well as other diseases which required immunization as determined in rules adopted annually by the Director of the Division of Public Health Services.
- (b) A child shall be exempt from immunization in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c except as stated in Policy JFABD. Exemptions. If he/she presents written documentation in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c from his/her physician that immunizations will be detrimental to his/her health The exemption shall exist only for the length of time, in the opinion of the physician, such immunization would be detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease shall not affect other required immunizations. A child will be excused from immunization for religious reasons, upon the signing of a notarized form by the parent or guardian stating that the student has not been immunized because of religious beliefs. In the event of an outbreak, students who have been exempted from immunization requirements will be excluded from school for a period of time, to be established after consultation with the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services, if such students are considered to be at risk for the disease that they have not been immunized against.
- (c) A child who is exempt from immunization in accordance with (b) shall not attend school during an outbreak of a communicable disease for which immunization is required under RSA 141-C:20-a. Immunization.

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- (d) If a child is not immunized as in Ed 311.01(a), does not have a religious or medical exemption, or is unable to provide evidence of acceptable immunization for conditional enrollment, he/she shall not be admitted to school.

**Legal References:**

*RSA 141-C:20-a, Immunization*

*RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions*

*RSA 141-C:20-d, Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease*

*RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases; Duties of School Nurse*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 311.01, Immunization Program*

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