



6.08 Immunization Policy

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1. **Purpose**

This policy outlines the minimum immunization requirements for all students enrolled in the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB), in compliance with Utah law and rules established by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services and the Utah State Board of Education. (Utah Code § 53G-9-302 and Utah Administrative Rule R396-100)

2. **Definitions**

- 2.1. Department: Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- 2.2. Early Childhood Program: Nursery school, preschool, licensed day care center, family care home, or Head Start program.
- 2.3. Exemption: Relief from immunization requirements under Utah Code § 53G-9-303.
- 2.4. Parent/Guardian: A student's parent or legal guardian, or the student if of legal age.
- 2.5. School: Any USDB program, including early childhood programs, elementary, and secondary school (K–12).
- 2.6. School Entry: A student enrolling in a Utah school or early childhood program for the first time.
- 2.7. Student: An individual enrolled or seeking enrollment at USDB.
- 2.8. Utah School Immunization Record: The official document used to record a student's immunization status. In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-306, the USIR is a required component of the student's permanent school record (cumulative folder). Records may be generated via the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS) or documented on official forms provided by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- 2.9. Utah Statewide Immunization Information System: A confidential, centralized database maintained by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that records and tracks immunization records for Utah residents. USDB utilizes USIIS as the primary

source for verifying student immunization compliance and generating official Utah School Immunization Records.

3. Required Immunizations

Students must provide written proof of required immunizations for school entry as outlined by the Utah Immunization Rule for Students (R396-100):

- 3.1. Minimum Required Immunizations for Early Intervention (PIP and Preschool) include vaccinations *appropriate for age*, including
 - 3.1.1. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
 - 3.1.2. Polio
 - 3.1.3. Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - 3.1.4. Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB)
 - 3.1.5. Hepatitis A
 - 3.1.6. Hepatitis B
 - 3.1.7. Pneumococcal
 - 3.1.8. Varicella
- 3.2. Minimum Required Immunizations for Kindergarten -12th Grade
 - 3.2.1. DTaP/DT/Td: 5 doses (4 acceptable if the 4th was after the 4th birthday)
 - 3.2.2. Polio: 4 doses (3 acceptable if the 3rd was after the 4th birthday)
 - 3.2.3. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 2 doses (1st dose on or after 1st birthday)
 - 3.2.4. Hepatitis B: 3 doses
 - 3.2.5. Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses
 - 3.2.6. Hepatitis A: 2 doses
 - 3.2.7. A student entering 7th through 12th grade must also be immunized for:
 - 3.2.7.1. Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap): one dose
 - 3.2.7.2. Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine: one dose
- 3.3. A student who has not received the required number of vaccine doses must be vaccinated according to the catch-up immunization schedule for children and adolescents.
- 3.4. Proof must come from official medical records or verified parent/guardian records. USDB shall use the official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR).

4. Immunization Record Keeping

- 4.1. Schools must maintain an up-to-date USIR for each student, along with any approved exemption forms that have been submitted. These exemption forms do not expire and should be kept on file

throughout the student's enrollment. These are considered part of the student's permanent record.

- 4.2. When a student transfers, withdraws, or graduates, the Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) and exemption forms must be transferred with the student's official records or returned to the parent/guardian.
- 4.3. USDB may utilize the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS) for record-keeping purposes.

5. Exemptions

Students may be exempt from immunizations for medical, religious, or personal reasons, as permitted by Utah law.

- 5.1. Medical, Personal, and Religious: Requires completion of an online immunization education module provided by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and submission of an exemption form (certificate of completion) for the education module, or in-person counseling at a local health department and submission of the form provided by the health department.
- 5.2. For a medical exemption, the exemption form must be accompanied by a written notice signed by a licensed healthcare provider stating that, due to the student's physical condition, administering the vaccine would pose a risk to the student's life or health.
- 5.3. Exemption forms must be attached to the USIR.

6. Conditional Enrollment

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-302, a student may be conditionally enrolled at USDB if they have received at least one dose of each required vaccine series and are currently on schedule to receive the remaining doses.

- 6.1. USDB will review the status of all conditionally enrolled students at least every 30 days.
- 6.2. To remain in school, the student must receive the next required dose in the series within five days of the date it is medically due.
- 6.3. Once all required immunizations are documented, the student will be moved from conditional status to "Compliant" in their permanent record.

7. Non-Compliance and Exclusion

Failure to meet the requirements of conditional enrollment or to provide a valid record of immunization/exemption will result in the following:

- 7.1. Per Utah Code § 53G-9-308, students who are not in compliance with the immunization schedule shall be prohibited from attending

school until they have received the required dose(s) or provided an official exemption.

7.2. Violations of these health requirements may be subject to enforcement under Utah Code § 26B-1-224.

8. Reporting Requirements

USDB shall submit required immunization status reports to the Utah Department of Health and Human Services as follows:

- 8.1. Kindergarten Summary Report
- 8.2. Second Dose MMR Report
- 8.3. Early Childhood Program Report
- 8.4. Transfer Student Summary Report
- 8.5. Year-End Conditional Admission Report
- 8.6. Deadlines are specified by DHHS each school year.

9. Disease Reporting

In accordance with Utah Communicable Disease Rule R386-702, USDB shall promptly report suspected or confirmed cases of communicable diseases, including chickenpox, to the local health department.

10. Exclusions During Outbreaks

Students with exemptions or who are conditionally enrolled may be excluded from school attendance by local or state health authorities if they are exposed to or pose a risk of spreading a vaccine-preventable disease.

11. Resources and Assistance

USDB shall maintain current immunization compliance resources and contact information for the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Immunization Program on the school's official website and within parent handbooks. Parents or guardians with questions regarding requirements should consult with the USDB School Nurse or the DHHS Immunization Program.