



## **Frequently Asked Questions** **Required Immunizations for School Health**

### **What immunizations are required for school entry and attendance for my child?**

Pre - K: HIB, Chicken Pox 1 dose, DTP (at least 1 dose), Polio (at least 1 dose), MMR 1 dose, Hepatitis B - 3 doses

KG - 6<sup>th</sup>: chicken pox - 2 doses, DTP 4-5 doses, Polio 3-5 doses, MMR – 2 doses, Hepatitis B – 3 doses

7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>: KG – 6<sup>th</sup> immunizations + Tdap

### **Can I REGISTER my student without a [Florida DH Form 680](#) or Form 681?**

Yes, but your child will **NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND** school until the Florida DH Form 680 or Form 681 or has been presented to the school officials for verification to complete registration.

### **Can my student attend school without a Florida DH Form 680 or Form 681 that reflects required immunizations or exemptions?**

No, Florida DH Form 680 or Form 681 must be presented to the school officials for verification before your child can enter the classroom for learning.

### **What if the Florida DH Form 680 is incomplete, expired, or not presented for entry into school?**

According to Florida School Health Administrative Guidelines, Section III, Chapter 9: Mandatory exclusion from school is required by law in Florida until acceptable immunization documentation is presented.

### **Can my Pastor or Rabbi complete [Florida DH Form 681](#) for my child NOT to receive immunizations?**

No, Form DH 681 must be issued by a County Health Department (CHD) and signed by the county department of health medical director or designee, based on established religious beliefs or practices ONLY.

### **Can I download and complete my own Florida Form 680 based on information given to me personally for my child?**

No, Florida DH Form 680 must be completed by a Florida medical provider, a county health department or a Florida school board nurse with privileges to Florida SHOTS.

### **Can my school nurse verify my child's immunizations from another state and complete Florida Form 680?**

Yes, but your child will not be allowed to attend school until this verification has been completed.

## **Are required school entry immunizations free?**

Yes, through your local county health department subject to the availability but there is a required administrative fee to be paid. For children with health insurance, immunizations are covered under well visits, with your pediatrician, local urgent care centers or local clinics.

## **Are homeless students exempt from required immunizations?**

No, An authorized school official, principal or FIN Liaison, may issue a **temporary** exemption for a period not to exceed 30 days, to permit students who transfer into a new county to attend class until his/her records can be obtained (s. 1003.22(5)(e),F.S.) This allows 30 days for the student to get vaccinated.

## **If my child has a medical condition, are they exempt from immunizations?**

It depends on the condition and physician's recommendation, but a temporary medical exemption can be issued by the doctor until the student can be caught up on the immunizations. \* **Temporary Medical Exemption (DH 680 Form Part B)**: Any child who has incomplete documentation of vaccination for the required number of doses, should be admitted after the first dose(s) is given and issued a temporary medical exemption, then scheduled for the next dose according to age and dosage spacing.

## **Can my child attend school on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade WITHOUT the Tdap vaccine documented as given or exempt?**

No, all 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have documentation of this vaccine or exemption.

## **My child received DTaP as a booster shot instead of the Tdap vaccine; will they need to get a Tdap booster in addition, prior to attending 7<sup>th</sup> grade?**

No, the student who received DTaP vaccine as a booster received the appropriate amount of tetanus toxoid and MORE diphtheria toxoid and pertussis antigen than is recommended. This dose can count as Tdap and the student does not need a repeat dose.

## **Can my child's immunization record be handwritten on a Florida Form 680?**

Yes, but it must be certified by a signature from the Florida medical provider and their office seal or stamp. (It is not required that all providers have access to FLShots and thus a handwritten form may be produced by those providers without access.)

## **Are there immunization guidelines available for further clarification?**

[Yes](#). Please click yes to follow link to [guideline manual](#) or visit [www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/schoolguide.pdf](http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/schoolguide.pdf).

## **Questions/comments regarding guidelines:**

Please contact Seminole County Health Department @ 407.665.3000 Immunization Program Representative or visit [www.immunizeFlorida.org](http://www.immunizeFlorida.org)