Understanding the Utah Immunization Rule for Students

Module II
Utah School Immunization Record for Early Childhood Programs
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About This Module

**Purpose:** To provide information to early childhood program personnel regarding requirements pertaining to the Utah School Immunization Record (USIR).

**Goal:** To improve understanding and usage of the Utah School Immunization Record in Utah early childhood programs.

**Objectives:**
- Define “official certificate of immunization.”
- Define “appropriate immunization documentation.”
- Describe the vaccines currently required for early childhood program entry.
- Describe appropriate documentation of Medical, Religious and Personal exemptions.
- Define proof of immunity (history of disease) and appropriate documentation of immunity.
- Describe who is responsible for verifying the USIR.
- Describe the School Record of children’s immunization status.
Official Use of the Utah School Immunization Record

- The Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) is the official certificate of immunization for children in early childhood programs.

- Each early childhood program must maintain hard copies of official certificates of immunization for every enrolled child to verify each child’s immunization status.
Official Use of the Utah School Immunization Record

- The USIR may be printed from the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS).

- The USIR may also be printed from the Utah Immunization Program website at immunize.utah.gov/order-educationalmaterials. It can be printed on any color paper.

- Records printed from USIIS are acceptable as the official immunization record and are considered equivalent to the USIR.
Vaccine Requirements

- The USIR shall document all the vaccines a child has received, including the month, date and year each vaccine was received.

- Children enrolled in early childhood programs must be appropriately immunized for their age with the following immunizations:
  - DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
  - Polio
  - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
  - Hepatitis A
  - Hepatitis B
  - Varicella (chickenpox)
  - Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)
  - Pneumococcal

**NOTES**
Proof of immunity to disease(s) can be accepted in place of vaccination only if a document is presented to the early childhood program from a healthcare provider stating the child previously contracted the disease.
The Utah Immunization Guidebook [https://immunize.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Immunization_Guidebook.pdf](https://immunize.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Immunization_Guidebook.pdf) has information on each required vaccine and the schedule that should be followed, including minimum intervals between each dose.
All children must have an official certificate of immunization received or an official Medical, Religious or Personal Exemption form, or proof of immunity, if applicable.

When reviewing the immunization record of a child, ensure that information regarding each required vaccination the child has received, including the date each vaccine was administered, has been verified by a licensed healthcare provider, registered nurse, public health official, or pharmacist.

The information must be transferred to the USIR.

The USIR must be verified by the officials at the early childhood program.
Appropriate Immunization Documentation
Student Information

- Fill in the Student Name, Gender, Date of Birth, and Name of Parent/Guardian.
- The USIIS ID, PIN, and Student ID are not required fields to be completed by facilities that are not enrolled in USIIS or do not print USIR from USIIS.
- Student Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Name of Parent/Guardian (if entered on the Demographics page), USIIS ID, and PIN (a number that is given to an individual or a dependent's legal guardian, to obtain access to their immunization records in USIIS) will be automatically filled in on the USIR when printed by participating USIIS user. The Student ID will only print when printed from a school that is enrolled in USIIS and has the students linked to that specific school.
Appropriate Immunization Documentation
Vaccine Information

- Fill in the dates (month, day, and year in the appropriate column i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th) for each of the required vaccines the child has received.

- Dates of vaccines given (1st 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th), Status, and Due Date will be automatically filled in on the USIR when printed by a participating USIR user.
Proof of Immunity
(History of Disease Verification)
Due Date

- Fill in the status column with “Immunity” if the child is claiming immunity against a disease for which vaccination is required because the child previously contracted the disease.

- A document that includes each antigen being claimed as immune (e.g., varicella, measles, rubella) and signed by a healthcare provider as proof of immunity must be attached to the USIR.

- **Due Date** is not a required field to be completed by facilities that are not enrolled in USIIS or do not use USIIS to print USIR.
Exemptions Documentation

The Rule allows the following exemptions for early childhood program entry:

- Medical
- Religious
- Personal

Children claiming an exemption to the required vaccinations must have their legally responsible individual complete the online educational module at [https://immunize.utah.gov/immunization-education-module/](https://immunize.utah.gov/immunization-education-module/) (free of charge), or in-person consultation (fee of up to $25) at a local health department, AND provide a copy of the completed form to the early childhood program official.

Completion of the online educational module or in-person consultation at a local health department must be done for all types of exemptions.
Exemptions Documentation

- For a medical exemption from required immunizations, the child's legally responsible individual must provide to the child’s early childhood program a completed vaccination exemption form AND a written statement signed by a licensed healthcare provider stating that, due to the physical condition of the child, administration of the vaccine would endanger the child's life or health.

- For personal/religious exemption from the required vaccinations, the child's legally responsible individual must provide to the child’s early childhood program a copy of the exemption form.
Exemptions

- Vaccination exemption forms provided to a preschool or child care program do not need to be renewed as long as the child is in preschool or any child care program - even if the child changes preschools or child care programs.

- However, if a child changes schools and is old enough to enroll in kindergarten or the child turns six years old, the child must renew his/her vaccination exemption form. In other words – children must renew their vaccination exemption forms for kindergarten entry.
Exemption Documentation

- If a child has an exemption, fill in the exemption column with the type of exemption (religious, personal, or medical). Attach a copy of the exemption form to the back of the USIR.

- For a medical exemption, a written notice signed by a licensed health care provider must also be attached to the USIR.
Immunization Record Received for This Student

- Immunization Record Received For This Student: Mark the source of the record(s) used to complete this document.

- Authorized Signature: Sign and date – this is the signature of the school or health personnel who verified the USIR against the source record(s).
Immunization Record Received for This Student
Authorized Signature

- For more information visit the Utah Immunization Program website at immunize.utah.gov or contact us at 801-538-9450.
School Record of Children’s Immunization Status

Each early childhood program must maintain a current list of all enrolled children, including:

- list of children the early childhood program has received a valid and complete immunization record;
- list of children who are exempt from receiving a required vaccine;
- list of children who are allowed to attend early childhood program under conditional enrollment status; and
- list that specifically identifies each disease against which a child is not immunized.
School Record of Children’s Immunization Status

Upon the request of an official from a local health department in the event of a disease outbreak, an early childhood program administrator must:

(a) notify the legally responsible of any child who is not immune to the outbreak disease, providing information regarding steps the legally responsible individual may take to protect the child;

(b) identify each child who is not immune to the outbreak disease; and

(c) for a period determined by the local health department not to exceed the duration of the disease outbreak, do one of the following at the discretion of the early childhood program administrator after obtaining approval from the local health department:
School Record of Children’s Immunization Status

(i) provide a separate educational environment for non-immune children, that ensures the protection of the non immune children as well as the protection of the remainder of the children; or

(ii) prevent each child who is not immune to the outbreak disease from attending early childhood program.

A name appearing on the list of all the enrolled children is subject to confidentiality requirements described in Section 26-1-17.5 and Section 53E-9-202.

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