School Immunization Report

2016-17

The school immunization report is due by Tuesday, **November 1st.**

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Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a potential for the spread of infectious diseases. Diseases like chickenpox, measles and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter school.

2016-17 GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Preschool & Grades K-12

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REFERENCE

Section 39-4801, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15 "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children."

INSTRUCTIONS

Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine whether children seeking admission to your school meet Idaho's school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, contact the Idaho Immunization Program or visit www.immunizeidaho.com.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

To enter or transfer into public or private schools, all children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet immunization requirements outlined below at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status.

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY	
Immunization Requirement by Age	**Doses of Vaccines Required**
Children born on or before September 1, 1999 must have a minimum of:	(4) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 1999 through September 1, 2005 must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (3) Polio (3) Hepatitis B
Children born after September 1, 2005[1] must have a minimum of:	(5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)[2] (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) (4) Polio[3] (3) Hepatitis B (2) Varicella (Chickenpox)[4] (2) Hepatitis A

7th GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS	
Immunization Requirement by Grade[5]	**Doses of Vaccines Required**
Children admitted to 7th grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:	(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) (1) Meningococcal

1. Preschool children need only be age-appropriately immunized with the required vaccines.
2. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
3. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose. For children born after 9/1/2005, at least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older.
4. Varicella: History of chickenpox disease documented by a physician or licensed health care professional meets the requirement.
5. 7th Grade Requirements: These requirements currently apply to all 7th- 12th grade students.

EXEMPTIONS

Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim an exemption from immunization requirements for their child for medical, religious, or personal reasons. All exemptions must be documented on the official State of Idaho form provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Immunization Program. A medical exemption requires the signature of a licensed physician and certification that the child has a medical condition which prevents him or her from receiving required vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to claim an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

The Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form is required by IDAPA 16.02.15 to document the intended immunization schedule of a child who has not received all required immunizations for school admission. To be eligible for conditional admission, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations following the intervals listed below. Failure to receive still-needed doses of required vaccines as indicated on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form will result in exclusion of the child from school until the child is back on schedule with no required vaccine doses due.

ABBREVIATED CATCH-UP IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE[4]
(for full version, visit www.immunizeidaho.com)

Vaccine	Minimum Age for Dose 1	Minimum Interval Between Doses			
		Dose 1 to Dose 2	Dose 2 to Dose 3	Dose 3 to Dose 4	Dose 4 to Dose 5
DTaP	6 wks	**4 weeks**	**4 weeks**	**6 months**	**6 months**[1]
Polio	6 wks	**4 weeks**	**4 weeks**	**6 months**[2]	
MMR	12 mo	**4 weeks**			
Hepatitis B	Birth	**4 weeks**	**8 weeks**[3]		
Varicella	12 mo	**3 months**			
Hepatitis A	12 mo	**6 months**			

1. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
2. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Hep B: Minimum age for the 3rd dose is 24 weeks **and** at least 16 weeks after first dose.
4. To enter the 7th grade, students are required to have one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine; because a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine to be eligible for conditional admission, Tdap and Meningococcal are not included on the Idaho Conditional Admission to School form.

DOCUMENTATION

All children must present a valid immunization record to school officials, unless exempted.

What is it? A valid immunization record is an electronic medical health record, an immunization registry document, or a written immunization certificate confirmed (signed, stamped, or provided on official letterhead) by a licensed health care professional which states the month, day, and year of each immunization a child has received. A record with check marks instead of dates or saying only "up-to-date," "all requirements met," or "series complete" is inadequate and may not be accepted. The record must show that all required vaccine doses have been received and minimum ages and intervals have been met. Laboratory proof of immunity to a disease for which a vaccine is required is valid and meets the requirement for that disease. For varicella, a statement by a licensed health care professional indicating the child has had chickenpox disease meets the requirement.

Who must present it? The parent/guardian of a child in preschool and grades K-12 must present proof of immunization status to the school official. Students entering 7th grade must present a record documenting that 7th grade immunization requirements have been met. This requirement applies to all 7th-12th grade students.

When must it be presented? The parent/guardian must present the proof of immunization status at the time of registration and before attendance for a child entering or transferring into preschool and grades K-12. Students entering 7th grade must present proof of meeting immunization requirements before entry into the 7th grade.

What do schools do with it? School staff must carefully review the record to ensure that all requirements have been met and must retain a hardcopy of the record on file at the school.

Online Reporting Instructions

2016-2017 School Immunization Report (SIR)

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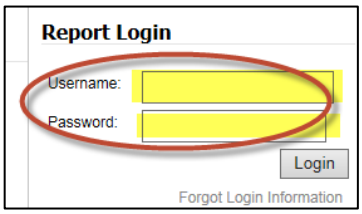
As a security feature, the online reporting system logs users out after 15 minutes of inactivity. Therefore, to help ensure your information is not lost while you are entering your school immunization report, we recommend that schools:

1. Complete the report on the enclosed worksheet prior to attempting to submit your report online.
2. Once you've completed the report on the hardcopy, login to the online reporting system and simply enter your numbers and submit the report.

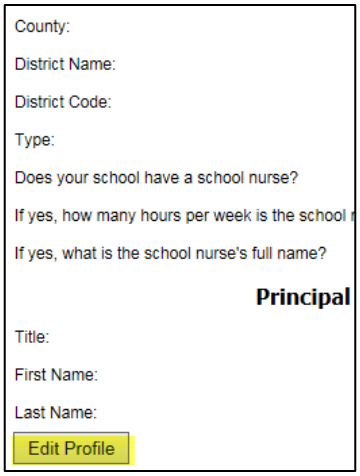
Please follow these instructions to submit your 2016 - 2017 School Immunization Report.

LOGIN



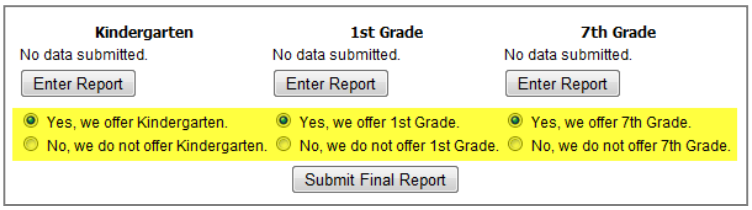
- Type https://sir.dhw.idaho.gov into your Internet address bar.
- Enter your school's username and password provided on the SALMON paper included in this packet.
  - ✓ You **CANNOT** login with your IRIS username and password.
- Select **Login** to access the report.

EDIT PROFILE



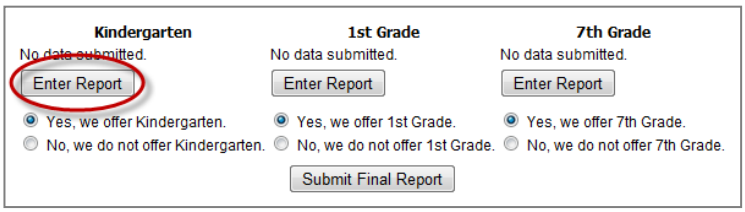
- Once you login, you will need to update your contact information and answer the school nurse questions.
  - ✓ If you are a school nurse dividing your time between multiple schools, please indicate the number of hours you work at the school for which you are completing the report.
- Select **Save** after editing your profile to save your changes.

SELECT GRADES OFFERED



- Indicate which grades are offered in your school.
- If a grade level is usually offered at your school, but there is no enrollment in that grade this year, indicate that the grade is offered and then enter all zeros when you complete the report for that particular grade.

ENTER REPORT



- Select **Enter Report** to complete the report for each grade level offered at your school.
- You may login multiple times to work on your report before selecting **Submit Final Report**.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT (example)

Step 1:

In Step 1, enter the total number of students who are Adequately Immunized, Conditionally Admitted, Exempted, Incomplete, or have No Record. The sum of these five sections must equal the Total Enrollment for that grade level.

A. **Adequately Immunized**: Enter the total number of students with an immunization record on file at the school documenting that all required school immunizations have been received.

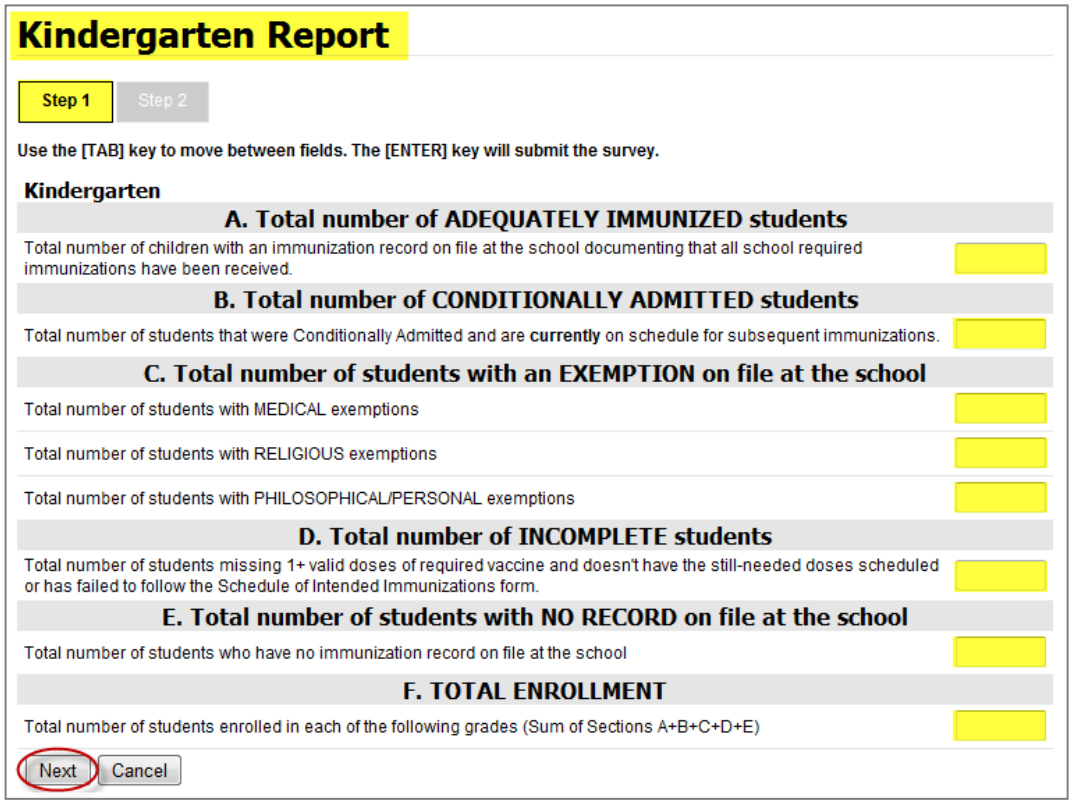
B. **Conditionally Admitted**: Enter the total number of students with a valid Conditional Admission form on file at school. Conditionally Admitted students must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations (meaning that no doses are currently due).

C. **Exemptions**: Enter the total number of students with a valid Idaho Certificate of Immunization Exemption form on file at school.
   - If a student has claimed an exemption, do not count the student in the overall total Adequately Immunized category in Step 1 - even if the student has received *some* vaccine doses. You will be able to indicate the specific vaccines the student has exempted from in Step 2.

D. **Incomplete**: Enter the total number of students meeting any one of the following conditions:
   - has received fewer than the required number of doses of a required immunization and does not have the remaining required vaccine doses scheduled per the Conditional Admission process, or
   - has failed to continue to receive immunizations as provided on the Conditional Admission form, or
   - has received one or more doses at less than the minimum interval or less than the minimum age as recommended by the ACIP, or
   - has not received any doses of the required immunizations and doesn't have a valid Idaho Certificate of Immunization Exemption form on file at school.

E. **No Record**: Enter the total number of students without an immunization record on file at the school.

F. **Total Enrollment**: Total number of students enrolled in the grade (Sum of A+B+C+D+E).



Kindergarten Report

Step 1 | Step 2

Use the [TAB] key to move between fields. The [ENTER] key will submit the survey.

Kindergarten

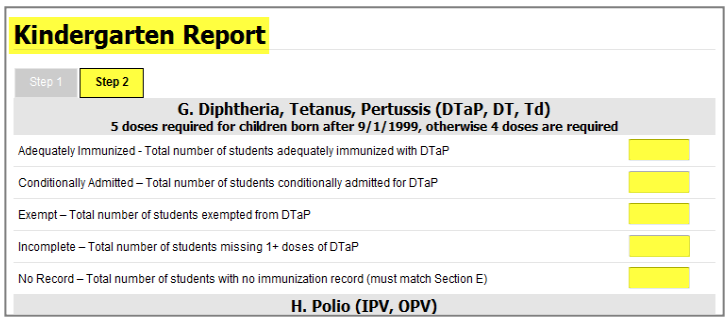
A. Total number of ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED students	
Total number of children with an immunization record on file at the school documenting that all school required immunizations have been received.	
B. Total number of CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED students	
Total number of students that were Conditionally Admitted and are **currently** on schedule for subsequent immunizations.	
C. Total number of students with an EXEMPTION on file at the school	
Total number of students with MEDICAL exemptions	
Total number of students with RELIGIOUS exemptions	
Total number of students with PHILOSOPHICAL/PERSONAL exemptions	
D. Total number of INCOMPLETE students	
Total number of students missing 1+ valid doses of required vaccine and doesn't have the still-needed doses scheduled or has failed to follow the Schedule of Intended Immunizations form.	
E. Total number of students with NO RECORD on file at the school	
Total number of students who have no immunization record on file at the school	
F. TOTAL ENROLLMENT	
Total number of students enrolled in each of the following grades (Sum of Sections A+B+C+D+E)	

Next | Cancel

Step 2:

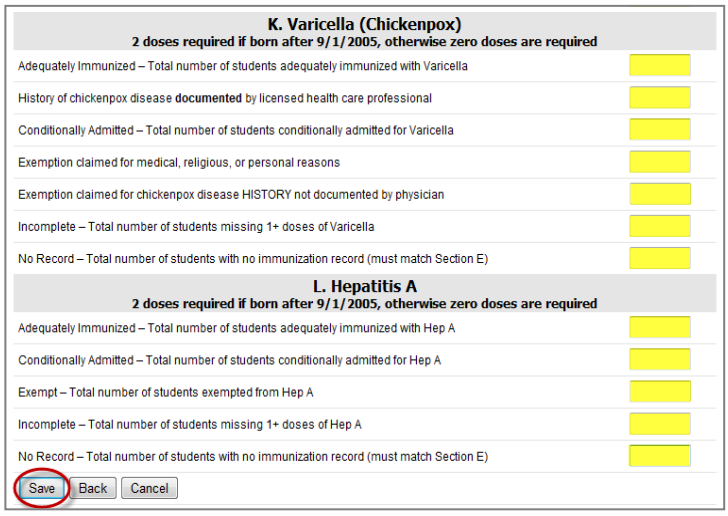
In Step 2, enter the number of students who are Adequately Immunized, Conditionally Admitted, Exempted, Incomplete, or have No Record by each vaccine type.

For example, if you have two kindergarten students who are Conditionally Admitted (one student for the 2nd dose of Varicella and the other student for the 2nd dose of Hepatitis A), here is how you would document this on the report:



- ✓ *In Step 1, enter '2' in Section B, Total Conditionally Admitted.*
- ✓ *In Step 2, enter '1' in the Conditionally Admitted Categories in Section K, Varicella and in Section L, Hepatitis A.*

- The sum of each individual section (G, H, I, J, K, L) must equal the **Total Enrollment** number reported in Step 1 for Kindergarten.
- The total number of students with **No Record** entered in Step 1 will be automatically filled in on each section of Step 2.
- Section K. Varicella (Chickenpox)
  - As with the other sections, the sum of all categories in Section K must equal the **Total Enrollment** number reported in Step 1.
  - There are two exemption categories for Varicella. View the exemption form for children with a Varicella exemption to determine if the exemption was claimed for medical, religious or personal reasons **OR** claimed for chickenpox disease history not documented by a physician.



- Select **Save** once you have completed the report for Kindergarten.
- Note: Selecting **Back** or **Cancel** before saving changes will cause your data to be lost.

REPORTING ERRORS

- If there is an error in any submitted report, the report will re-appear on the screen with errors highlighted in red.
- Correct the errors and select **Save**. You will be unable to save the report if any errors remain.

SUBMITTING THE REPORT

- Once you have completed the report for each grade offered at your school, select **Submit Final Report.** Congratulations! We recommend that you print a copy of the completed report for your records.

INSTRUCTIONS

Reports must be submitted no later than **NOVEMBER 1, 2016**.

Please complete the report for all Kindergarten, First Grade and Seventh Grade students enrolled in your school. Idaho Code requires all students in preschool and grades K-12 attending a public, private or parochial school in Idaho to meet minimum immunization requirements at the time of registration and before attendance to school (IDAPA 16.02.15).

School immunization reports **MUST** be submitted online. Reports that are faxed or mailed will not be accepted. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the Idaho Immunization Program as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements.

To avoid losing your work, we strongly recommend that you complete the 2016 - 2017 School Immunization Report (SIR) on this worksheet prior to attempting to submit your report online.

DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions of terms which are used in the annual report.

1. **ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED** – a child with an immunization record on file at the school documenting that all school required immunizations have been received.

2. **CONDITIONAL ADMISSION** – a child who has received at least one dose of each required vaccine and is currently on schedule for subsequent immunizations may be conditionally admitted to school provided the child's parent/guardian completes the Conditional Admission to School form. If the immunization is not received by the expiration date on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations form, the student will be considered incomplete and the exclusion process must begin.

3. **EXEMPTION** – a relief from the statutory immunization requirements by reason of medical, religious or personal reasons as defined in Section 110 of the Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA 16.02.15).

4. **INCOMPLETE** – a child meeting any one of the following conditions:
    a. has received fewer than the required number of doses of a required immunization and does not have the remaining required vaccine doses scheduled, or
    b. has failed to continue to receive immunizations as provided on the Schedule of Intended Immunizations form, or
    c. has received one or more doses at less than the minimum interval or less than the minimum age as recommended by the ACIP, or
    d. has not received any doses of the required immunizations and does not have a valid exemption on file at the school.

5. **NO RECORD** — a child who has no immunization record on file at the school.

IDAHO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

STATE OF IDAHO

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REPORT

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Report Period **2016-2017**	Name of School			School District #	Type of School **Public** ☐ **Private** ☐ **Charter**
Date of Report (MM/DD/YY)	Name and Title of Person Completing Report			E-mail Address	
School Address	City	State **ID**	Zip	County	Phone (208) _____-_____

	Kindergarten	First Grade	Seventh Grade
A. Total number of **ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED** students			
Total number of children with an immunization record on file at the school documenting that all school required immunizations have been received.			
B. Total number of **CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED** students			
Total number of students that were Conditionally Admitted and are currently on schedule for subsequent immunizations.			
C. Total number of students with an **EXEMPTION** on file at the school			
• Total number of students with **MEDICAL** exemptions			
• Total number of students with **RELIGIOUS** exemptions			
• Total number of students with **PHILOSOPHICAL/PERSONAL** exemptions			
D. Total number of **INCOMPLETE** students			
Total number of students missing 1+ valid doses of a required vaccine and does not have the still-needed doses scheduled or has failed to follow the Schedule of Intended Immunizations form.			
E. Total number of students with **NO RECORD** on file at the school			
Total number of students who have no immunization record on file at the school			
F. TOTAL ENROLLMENT			
Total number of students enrolled in each of the following grades (Sum of Sections A+B+C+D+E)			
G. DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS (DTaP, DTP, DT, Td) *5 doses required for children born after 9/1/1999, otherwise 4 doses are required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with DTaP			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for DTaP			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from DTaP			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of DTaP			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
H. POLIO (IPV, OPV) *4 doses required for children born after 9/1/2005, otherwise 3 doses are required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Polio			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for Polio			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from Polio			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of Polio			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
I. MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR, MMRV) *2 doses required if born after 9/1/1999, otherwise 1 dose is required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with MMR			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for MMR			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from MMR			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of MMR			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			

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	Kindergarten	First Grade	Seventh Grade
J. HEPATITIS B *3 doses required for all children*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Hep B			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for Hep B			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from Hep B			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of Hep B			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
K. VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX) *2 doses required if born after 9/1/2005, otherwise zero doses are required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Varicella			
• **History of chickenpox disease** documented by licensed health care professional			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for Varicella			
• **Exempt** – Exemption claimed for medical, religious, or personal reasons			
• **Exempt** – Exemption claimed for chickenpox disease HISTORY not documented by physician			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of Varicella			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
L. HEPATITIS A *2 doses required if born after 9/1/2005, otherwise zero doses are required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Hep A			
• **Conditionally Admitted** – Total number of students conditionally admitted for Hep A			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from Hep A			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of students missing 1+ doses of Hep A			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
M. TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS BOOSTER (Tdap) – Please note: Td does NOT meet this requirement *1 dose is required for 7th grade – Conditional Admission is not available for Tdap as only 1 dose is required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Tdap			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from Tdap			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of 7th graders missing the single dose of Tdap			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			
N. MENINGOCOCCAL (Menactra (MCV4), Menomune (MPSV4)) *1 dose is required for 7th grade – Conditional Admission is not available for Meningococcal as only 1 dose is required*			
• **Adequately Immunized** – Total number of students adequately immunized with Meningococcal			
• **Exempt** – Total number of students exempted from Meningococcal			
• **Incomplete** – Total number of 7th graders missing the single dose of Meningococcal			
• **No Record** – Total number of students with no immunization record (must match Section E)			

1. This report is required by IDAPA 16.02.15. Idaho Administrative Code, Department of Health and Welfare.
2. The school should retain a copy of this report for its records.

IMPORTANT NOTE: School immunization reports **MUST** be submitted online. Reports that are faxed or mailed will not be accepted.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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ADMISSION/ENTRY

1. What are the minimum immunization requirements for school entry?
To enroll in or attend a public, private, or parochial school in Idaho, children born after Sept. 1, 2005 must receive the following immunizations: 5 doses of DTaP, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Hepatitis A, and 2 Varicella. Visit ImmunizeIdahoSchools.com for the school immunization requirements for children born on or before Sept. 1, 2005.

2. What are the 7th grade immunization requirements?
Children admitted to the 7th through 12th grade during the 2016-2017 school year must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:

(1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) booster
(1) Meningococcal vaccine

3. What must an immunization record include to be considered valid?
A valid immunization record must include the following information:

a) the **name** of each required vaccine;
b) the **date** *(month/day/year)* **of each dose** received;
c) **confirmation** of all doses by a licensed health care professional (this could include records that are signed, stamped, on official letterhead or printed from an immunization registry such as IRIS).

4. How can a student be conditionally admitted to school?
To be eligible for conditional attendance, a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine and currently be on schedule for subsequent immunizations following the ACIP Accelerated Schedule.

5. Why aren't Tdap or Meningococcal on the School Conditional Admission form?
To enter the 7th grade, students are required to have one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine; because a child must have received at least one dose of each required vaccine to be eligible for conditional admission, Tdap and Meningococcal are not included on the Idaho Conditional Admission to School form.

6. Are transfer students required to provide immunization documentation before being admitted into a new school?
Yes. Before entry, all children transferring from one Idaho school to another or from schools outside Idaho to an Idaho school are required to provide the new school with the appropriate immunization information.

7. What about homeless students?
Homeless students are like any other student in your school. They are also required to have immunization records. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (re-authorized Dec. 2001) offers guidelines to assist you.

a) The school selected shall immediately enroll the child/youth in school, even if the child or youth lacks records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency or other documentation [Sec. 722 (g)(3)(C)(i)].
b) If a child or youth lacks immunizations or immunization records, the enrolling school must refer the parent/guardian to the liaison who shall help obtain necessary immunizations or immunization records [Sec. 722 (g)(3)(C)(iii)].

? IRIS & CONSENT

1. What is IRIS?
IRIS (Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System) is a statewide system designed to help families and healthcare providers keep track of immunization records. Schools can save time by using IRIS to look up and print copies of children's vaccination records.

2. How can I enroll in IRIS?
You can enroll in IRIS by completing the online enrollment form. To locate the form, please visit ImmunizeIdahoSchools.com and complete the following:

a) Select the **IRIS** tab in the center of the screen and click the **Request an IRIS Account** form for schools.
b) Fill out all required fields marked with an asterisk (*) and click **Submit.**
c) Your request will be processed within 5 calendar days.

3. What should I do if I can't log into IRIS? I've tried logging in and I'm getting a Validation Error that says, "Your account is not active at this time. Please contact your administrator."
IRIS now has a password reset feature, allowing you to reset your own password. To reset your password, click on the **"Forgot Password?**" button in the left-hand menu when you go to the IRIS login screen. For additional assistance with logging into IRIS, e-mail the IRIS Help Desk at iris@dhw.idaho.gov.

4. I heard the Idaho Immunization Program will enter student immunization records into IRIS at no cost to my school – is this true?
Yes. Schools may send student immunization records to the Idaho Immunization Program to have the record entered into IRIS. Basic demographic information is needed to add students that are not already in IRIS. ***NOTE:*** *It can take up to 45 days for healthcare providers to enter shot records into IRIS. Therefore, the Idaho Immunization Program cannot update records for children who received their shots within the past 45 days.*

5. I am using IRIS to figure out which students have already gotten a dose of the Tdap booster and Meningococcal vaccine. Some parents have told me their children received Tdap, but I don't see this listed in IRIS. What do I do?
In IRIS, Tdap is listed separately as Td and Pertussis (which likely explains why you couldn't find Tdap on the child's record). When using IRIS to determine whether a student has received Tdap, look to see if a dose of Pertussis is listed in the History section of the IRIS record. If it is, Pertussis should also display as "Complete" in the Vaccines Recommended by Selected Tracking Schedule section at the bottom of the screen. Remember, Td alone does not meet the 7th grade Tdap requirement.

? IMMUNIZATION RECORD REVIEW

1. A parent has a partial record and/or statement signed by a physician stating, "All doses received," "Complete," "Up To Date," "Primary series complete," or other similar statements. Can this be accepted as proof of immunization?
No. Statements regarding immunizations which do not contain complete dates for all doses received are NOT adequate for attendance. The parent should contact their health care provider and request a new record documenting all vaccinations and dates administered.

2. What criteria are used to determine if a student is in compliance with Idaho's school immunization requirements?
In order to determine if a child meets the Idaho school immunization requirements, the following must be considered:

a) the student's age;

b) whether the student's immunization history indicates:
   i. verification by a medical provider (healthcare provider signature, health clinic stamp, IRIS record).
   ii. month, day, and year each vaccine was administered.
   iii. sufficient spacing intervals between doses.

These variables make it difficult to describe all possible situations which a school might encounter in its efforts to maintain compliance with the regulations and limit the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases. If you have specific questions which cannot be answered by this guide, please contact the Idaho Immunization Program at (208) 334-6994.

3. A parent is adamant that his/her child has been vaccinated, but cannot provide written documentation. Can the child be admitted into school?
No. Children without immunization records cannot be admitted. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to have written documentation of each child's immunization status. If the record cannot be located by the parent (or after checking IRIS), the child should be vaccinated in an age-appropriate manner with one dose of each required vaccine. The child may be "conditionally admitted" and the facility has the responsibility to follow up to ensure that written records or additional vaccines are received according to schedule.

4. If a student already had 5 doses of DTaP before the age of 7 years, does he still need the Tdap booster required for 7th grade?
Yes, all students entering the 7th grade must receive the Tdap booster. Since some children in the 7th grade were born on or before September 1, 1999, they were only required to have 4 doses of DTaP for school entry in Idaho. Therefore, it is a common misconception that adolescents don't need the Tdap booster if they received a 5th dose of DTaP before turning 7 years old.

5. What if a student already received a dose of Td, does s/he still need to receive the Tdap booster to meet the 7th grade requirement?
Yes, the student must still receive the Tdap booster. Td vaccine, invented before Tdap, protects persons 7 years and older against tetanus and diphtheria. Td vaccine does not protect against pertussis and so does <u>not</u> meet the 7th grade school Tdap requirement.

6. What if a child received a pertussis shot (Tdap or DTaP) before their 7th birthday?
Immunization before the 7th birthday does not fulfill the 7th grade school requirement for Tdap, even if given immediately before the 7th birthday.

7. Does the vaccine abbreviation or trade name on the student's record meet the Tdap requirement?

Meets 7th Grade Requirement	Vaccine	When given?
YES, meets the requirement.	Tdap Adacel Boostrix DTaP or DTP*	Given on or after the 7th birthday ** DTaP or DTP licensed and recommended for children younger than 7 years of age.*
NO, does not meet requirement.	Td DT DTaP or DTP given before the 7th birthday (usual age limit)	

8. What is the four–day grace period?
This time frame allows schools reviewing student records to apply a four-day grace period for a student who received doses of a vaccine too early. Four days is the limit – vaccine doses given up to four days before the minimum interval or age can be counted as valid. Doses given five days or earlier should not be counted as valid and should be repeated. The four-day grace period is not to be used to schedule future doses of vaccine. It is to be used with discretion and with the understanding it is for auditing purposes only.

9. When should immunization records be reviewed to determine those students who are not in compliance?
The time to first assess a child's immunization status is upon entry into a school. At that time, a "log" could be established to serve as a reminder about children needing additional doses of vaccine at a later date. This would provide the facility with an easy method to determine those students "not-in-compliance" based on their own system. IRIS also provides reports of those who need immunizations.

10. Why must vaccines be repeated if received before the minimum age or interval?
Children who receive vaccines before the minimum age or interval may not develop an adequate antibody response to the immunization. Therefore, even though a child physically received a "shot," it may have been ineffective in protecting the child against disease. By consistently maintaining the minimum age and interval requirements for all vaccines, children are more likely to develop adequate immunity.

10. What if a vaccine dose is considered invalid but the parent or healthcare provider insists the child is up-to-date?
Check IRIS to confirm that the dose is considered invalid. If so, schools may use the Notification of Invalid Vaccination form to notify parents that doses are invalid. This form gives healthcare providers the option to:

a) revaccinate the child;
b) provide laboratory proof of immunity; or
c) sign a waiver that according to the physician's medical judgment, the invalid doses do not need to be repeated. If this option is selected, the form must be signed by a physician and include a medical license number.

If any of these options are selected, the child may be considered adequately immunized for the invalid vaccine dose if a physician has completed and signed the Notification of Invalid Vaccination form. Maintain the completed form with the child's immunization record.

11. How does Idaho determine the required immunization schedule?
Idaho's school immunization requirements are based upon the "Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule" published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This schedule is developed from the recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP includes representatives from both the public health and the private medical sectors, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

12. Where can I order blue student health folders?
The Idaho Immunization Program supplies the blue student health folders at no cost to all schools. You may place a resource order online by visiting ImmunizeIdahoSchools.com and following these steps:

a) On the left side of page, click on the tab titled **Resource Order Form.**
b) Select **School & Childcare Resources** and indicate the quantity of blue student folders you would like to order.
c) Click **Next**. Complete the IIP Shipping Information form and click **Submit.**

? EXEMPTIONS

1. Are there any allowable exemptions?
Yes, Idaho Code allows an immunization exemption to be claimed for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. All exemptions signed on or after April 7, 2011 must be documented on the official State of Idaho form provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Immunization Program. Official exemption forms are available on the **School Immunizations** page of the IIP's website: ImmunizeIdahoSchools.com.

2. What happens to exempted or incomplete children in the event of a disease outbreak?
In the event of a disease outbreak, unimmunized children are excluded from school until the outbreak is over, both for their own protection and for the protection of others. No exceptions are made during an outbreak, regardless of circumstances.

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