

Bethlehem Central School District

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE 2019 - 2020

Acceptable Proofs of Immunizations

Health care practitioner record, signed by practitioner licensed in New York State.

Records acceptable without a signature: NYSIIS Record; Official registry from another State; Electronic health record; School health record, (*must be transferred directly from one school to another*); Official record from a foreign nation

Diagnosis of Disease as Evidence of Immunity

ONLY allowed for varicella. Must be diagnosed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.

Serological Evidence of Immunity

Allowed for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and poliomyelitis (*all three serotypes must be positive. Testing for all three polio serotypes is no longer available in the United States.*)

Medical Exemptions

A student may attend school without the required immunizations if they have a medical exemption. Bethlehem Central School District requests that the following form be completed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in NYS certifying that the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health. It must contain sufficient information to identify a medical contraindication to a specific immunization, and specifying the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated. <https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf> This form will then be reviewed by the school physician to determine if additional documentation is required. **A medical exemption must be reissued annually.**

Religious Exemptions

Parent/guardians who have religious reasons for not immunizing their child should contact their child's Principal and/or School Nurse for further guidance on required documentation.

References

New York State Department of Health, **Immunization Laws**
https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws_regs.htm

New York State **Immunization Requirements for School Entrance / Attendance**
https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370_2019.pdf

New York State Education Department, **Immunization Guidelines for School**
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/2018-2019IMMUNIZATIONGUIDELINESFORSCHOOLS.pdf>

Albany County Department of Health, **Immunization Program**
<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/DepartmentofHealth/ProgramsandServices/ImmunizationProgram.aspx>