

# Bethlehem Central School District

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## 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

Under a new law signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo (Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019), exemptions based on religious beliefs will no longer be allowed for the childhood vaccines that are currently required for entry or attendance at school in New York State.

### References

New York State Department of Health, **Immunization Laws**  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/laws\\_regs.htm](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](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>