

333 STUDENT HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION

Background

In order to protect the health of the school population and to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases, the Division strongly encourages students entering school to have immunizations against certain communicable diseases.

Procedures

Any parent of a child for whom they are seeking admission to a Division school is encouraged to provide evidence from a licensed physician or an authorized health clinic of immunization against the following communicable diseases as recommended by Alberta Health Services:

1. Diphtheria;
2. Pertussis (Whooping Cough);
3. Tetanus;
4. Poliomyelitis;
5. Measles;
6. Rubella;
7. Meningococcal Conjugate;
8. Mumps;
9. Hepatitis B;
10. Varicella Zoster or history of chicken pox disease.

Principals will cooperate with the local health authority in providing student enrollment data to assist in establishing an immunization schedule for the school.

Children without related immunizations or for which such information has not been provided may be excluded from school for the duration of a community outbreak of a communicable disease, at the discretion of Alberta Health Services.

Students who are unable to participate in an instructional program due to health reasons may be required to provide the school with a medical certificate supporting exemption.

References

Section 11,32,33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act
Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act
Public Health Act

History

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