

## HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

- **Dental Health Exam Required.** All Illinois students in kindergarten and Grades 2 and 6 are required to have an oral health examination.
- **Vision Exam Required.** All students enrolling in kindergarten are required to have an eye exam.
- **Health Exam Required.** Each student in a Catholic school in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria shall have a health examination within one year prior to entering pre-school; prior to entering kindergarten or the first grade; and upon entering the sixth and ninth grades; and upon entering a school pursuant to a transfer, regardless of the student's grade level.
- **Immunizations Required.** Each Catholic school student shall receive such immunizations against preventable communicable diseases as are required by the Illinois School Code and the Communicable Disease Prevention Act, at the time those immunizations are required to be received, unless one of the exceptions listed below is satisfied.
- **Proof of Health Exam and Immunizations Required.** A student's parent/legal guardian must supply proof of both the health exam and the required immunizations no later than the beginning of the school year. Where proof is not submitted, the school will notify the parent/legal guardian that he or she has until October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year in which to have the student examined and receive the immunizations, and present proof of same.
- **Noncompliance with this Policy.** Failure to provide proof of required health exams and immunizations shall result in the student being excluded from school until the parent/legal guardian presents proof of the exams and the immunizations, and the parent/legal guardian is deemed in violation of the Illinois School Code during the period of noncompliance.
- **Objections to Examinations and/or Immunizations.**
  - A parent/legal guardian who objects to his/her student being examined and/or immunized is eligible to be exempt from exams and/or immunizations only as follows:
    - **Medical Objection.** Any medical objection to an immunization must be presented by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches indicating the reasons, and signed by the physician on the certificate of student health examination and placed on file in the student's permanent record. Should the condition of the student later permit immunization, this requirement will then have to be met.
    - **Religious Objection.** An objection based on religious grounds shall be presented to the school by the parent/legal guardian in writing signed by the parent/legal guardian, detailing the grounds for the objection. The objection must set forth the specific religious belief that conflicts with the examination and/or immunization. General philosophical or moral reluctance to allow examinations, immunizations, and/or screening shall not provide a sufficient basis for a religious exception to the requirement of exams and

immunizations. Each objection will be addressed on a case by case basis. **NOTE:** In the event the objection to a vaccine is based on the vaccine containing aborted fetal cell lines, the school should inform the parent/guardian that the objection must be able to state that an alternative vaccine is not readily available to the parent/guardian's student.

- The school shall inform the objecting parent/legal guardian of measles outbreak control exclusion procedures in accordance with the Department's rules, Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 III. Adm. Code 690) at the time the parent/legal guardian presents the objection. 665.510
- **Determination of Objection to Examination and/or Immunization.** The school is to forward all objections to the Diocese, attention Superintendent of Schools, for determination of whether the written statement constitutes a valid religious objection.
- **List of Non-Immunized Students.** An accurate list shall be maintained at every school of those who have not presented proof of immunity against diphtheria, pertussis (to age 6), tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, Haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B, or Varicella.

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#### U.S. Produced Vaccines from Aborted Cell Lines

Disease	Vaccine Name	Manufacturer	Cell line (fetal)
Polio	Poliovax	Aventis-Pasteur	MRC - 5
Rabies	Imovax	Aventis-Pasteur	MRC - 5
Hepatitis A	Havrix	Merck & Co.	MRC - 5
Hepatitis A	Vaqta	Glaxo/SmithKline	MRC - 5
Hepatitis A-B Combo	Twinrix	Glaxo/SmithKline	MRC - 5
Smallpox	Acambis 1000	Acambis	MRC - 5
Chickenpox	Varivax	Merck & Co.	MRC - 5/WI - 38
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	MMR II	Merck & Co.	WI-38
Mumps-Rubella	Biavax II	Merck & Co.	WI - 38
Measles-Rubella	MR-VAX	Merck & Co.	WI - 38
Rubella only	Meruvax II	Merck & Co.	WI - 38

#### U.S. Produced Alternatives Vaccines (There are no U.S. alternatives for Chickenpox, Rubella, Hepatitis A)

Disease	Vaccine Name	Manufacturer	Cell line
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Polio	IPOL	Aventis – Pasteur	Monkey kidney
Mumps	Mumpsvox	Merck & Co.	Chick embryo
Measles	Attenuvax	Merck & Co.	Chick embryo
Rabies	RabAvert	Chiron Therapeutics	Chick embryo
Smallpox	Acambis 2000	Acambis-Baxter	Monkey kidney
Hepatitis B	Engerix, Comvax	Glaxo/SmithKline/Merck	Yeast