

EXEMPTIONS - WHAT MEDICAL PROVIDERS NEED TO KNOW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE THE EXEMPTION TYPES AND FORMS REQUIRED FOR THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RULE?

Medical Immunization Exemption

A child shall be exempted from immunization requirements upon certification by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy verifying that the immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or life or the child or his or her designee has documentation of laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services form Imm.P.12 must be on file at the school with the immunization health record for each child. This exemption is not renewed annually.

Immunizations In Progress

Section 167.181, RSMo provides that students may continue to attend school as long as they have started an immunization series and satisfactory progress is being accomplished.

A Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services form Imm.P.14 must be on file at the school with the immunization health record for each child. Failure to meet the next scheduled appointment constitutes noncompliance with the school immunization law and exclusion should be initiated immediately. Refer to subsection (1) (A) of the rule regarding exclusion of students in noncompliance.

HOW CAN THE EXEMPTION FORMS BE OBTAINED?

Exemption forms can be downloaded and printed online.

WHO CAN AUTHORIZE THE EXEMPTION FORMS?

Medical Immunization Exemption forms must be signed by a licensed doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, or his or her designee.

Immunization In Progress forms must be signed by a physician, public health nurse or designee.

The in progress card should not be completed by the school nurse as he/she is not administering the immunization and scheduling the follow-up appointment.

IS THERE RESOURCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO EDUCATE PARENTS ON EXEMPTIONS?

Yes, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has developed fact sheets that are available at Health.Mo.Gov/immunizations.

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