

Updated policy to meet immunization requirements: (1) for review of serology and (2) documentation of varicella disease.

Policy:

- Serology will be accepted as proof of immunity in accordance with New York State Regulation §2164 to satisfy the immunization requirements for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and poliomyelitis (testing must include all three serotypes; testing for serotype 2 has not been available since early 2017; testing for 1, 3 only is not acceptable proof).
- Documentation of a history of varicella from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant will be accepted to satisfy the immunization requirement for varicella.
 - A statement from the parent/guardian indicating that their child has had this disease is NOT be accepted as proof of immunity.

Procedure:

- 1) All documents received by the school pertaining to requests for review of serology or a history of varicella disease to satisfy the immunization requirement must:
 - Include a fully completed “Request for Review of Serology or Disease Documentation Form” as indicated, by DOE staff, and the student’s healthcare provider, and signed by the parent/guardian in the Parent/Guardian Consent for Release of Information section.
 - Include a legible copy of the original document(s) demonstrating such immunity/varicella disease, either or both:
 - a printout from the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) that indicates immunity/varicella disease
 - a laboratory report, including the child’s name and date of birth, showing the serology result and reference range for the particular test(s) or other clinical documents submitted by healthcare provider (such as a letter or immunization record).
 - Include a printout from ATS (the “BIOD” screen) with identifying information about the student from:
 - student’s name and date of birth
 - OSIS number, school ATS DBN, grade
 - Include the ATS Immunization page (the “HEIU” screen).
- 2) The request form and the supporting documents as described above are submitted to the Health Director.
- 3) The Health Director ensures that all documents are complete and forwards them to OSH (QPN), Attention: Immunization Health Manager by email (preferred) to Exemptions@schools.nyc.gov or fax at (718) 391-8128.
- 4) The documents are forwarded to the OSH-designated immunization compliance physician for review.
- 5) Any additional requested information must be provided within 2 weeks.
- 6) While under review, the student may remain in school.
- 7) If the OSH physician determines that such documentation satisfies the requirement, OSH (QPN) enters the appropriate codes into the ATS system.
- 8) If such documentation do not meet the requirements, the Health Director is notified and a warning letter is issued by the school in accordance with all existing policies for non-compliance with immunization requirements.

This updated policy will become effective September 1, 2018.

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