



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

The following guidelines provide information concerning immunization requirements for all students enrolled in public school in the state of Alabama. In the event of an outbreak of a communicable disease, the Gulf Shores Board of Education reserves the right to temporarily place students without certain immunizations on a homebound status.

Gulf Shores City Schools must ensure that each student presents a valid Certificate of Immunization (COI) as required by the Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-4. A student's **entry and attendance** in school is conditioned upon the presentation of a current and valid **ALABAMA Certificate of Immunization** unless a recognized exception applies.

Students without initial proof of immunization or with an expired Certificate of Immunization may register or enroll but **will not** be allowed to return to school until a current Certificate of Immunization is present or their immunization record can be verified by the school nurse. Students enrolling from out of state will be granted a 10-day grace period to complete the immunization process.

Exceptions include Medical and Religious Exemptions, and exemption for those deemed homeless, in foster care, migratory, immigrant and/or limited English proficient.

Religious Exemption

A written objection from the parent or guardian of a student or child based on religious tenets and practices shall be submitted in person by the parent or guardian to County Health Department for issuance of a Certificate of Religious Exemption from the required immunizations.

Medical Exemption

A licensed physician can provide individual exemptions from the required immunizations on a Certificate of Medical Immunization. The Certificate of Medical Exemptions is required to be on forms approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health and will be accepted in lieu of the Certificate of Immunization.

Reference:

GSCS Board Policy

Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-4.

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/SchoolImmLaw.pdf>

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