

MEMO

TO: North Dakota School Administrators and Nurses

FROM: Lexie Barber, MPH
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RE: 2016–2017 School Immunization Survey

DATE: September 19, 2016

North Dakota Administrative Code (33-06-05) requires schools to complete the 2016 – 2017 School Immunization Survey. The survey must be submitted online at https://ndhealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_erCy7UVd9Aa61UN no later than **November 18th, 2016**. If you would like a copy of your school’s survey, remember to save or print the pdf on the last page of the survey.

One change to the school survey this year is that schools will be required to report homeschooled students in their district separately. The school survey will ask if homeschooled students are a part of your school district, and if so, which grades they are in. The survey will then ask for information on those students separately than the rest of the students in your school. In addition, this year moral and philosophical exemptions will be combined and reported as a ‘personal belief’ exemption. North Dakota school immunization requirements are available on the following page.

North Dakota Century Code 23-01-17 and Administrative Rules 33-06-05 state that it is the school’s responsibility to enforce the immunization requirements. Parents of students who are not up-to-date with required immunizations should be notified of what immunizations their children are behind on. The parents then have 30 calendar days to comply with the required immunizations or the child should be excluded. A School Immunization Survey webinar about how to complete the survey is now available at www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/schools-ChildCare. The website also contains a blank copy of the school survey and a worksheet to assist in data collection, along with our [School Immunization Toolkit](#) and other resources to assist you.

Schools may have access to the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS), the statewide immunization registry, to view immunization records. If your school is interested in having access, or you have any questions on how to use NDIIS, please visit www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/NDIIS.

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.2335 or toll-free at 800.472.2180 with any questions or concerns regarding the school immunization survey.

Enclosure

cc: Local public health units

2016 – 2017 School Immunization Requirements

Vaccine Type	Number of Doses Required Per Grade		
	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td*	5	5	5
Hepatitis B	3	3	3
IPV/OPV [†]	4	4	4
MMR	2	2	2
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 [§]	2 [§]	2 ^{§#}
Meningococcal [¶]	0	0	1
Tdap [⊖]	0	0	1

- * One dose of DTaP (pediatric diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis) vaccine must have been given on or after the fourth birthday. Only four doses are necessary if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses of Tdap (adolescent/adult tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis)/Td are required for children ages seven or older who were not previously vaccinated. Tdap should be used as the first dose followed by two doses of Td for children age seven or older not previously vaccinated.
- † For polio vaccination, in all-IPV or all-OPV schedule: one dose must have been given on or after the fourth birthday. The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose. If four doses are administered prior to age four, a fifth dose should be administered on or after age four. Only three doses of IPV are required if the third dose is given on or after the fourth birthday. Children born before August 2005 only need four doses separated by at least four weeks. These children do not need a dose after the age of four.
- § For the 2016-17 school year, two doses of varicella vaccine are required for kindergarten through eighth grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.
- # For the 2016-17 school year, one dose of varicella vaccine is required of children attending ninth through twelfth grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.
- ¶ One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) is required for entrance into the seventh grade. One dose of MCV4 must have been given on or after the tenth birthday.
- ⊖ One dose of Tdap vaccine is required for entrance into the seventh grade. One dose of Tdap must have been given on or after the seventh birthday.

Exemptions

Students may be exempt from immunization requirements for the following reasons:

- **Medical Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by a licensed physician stating that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger the life or health of the child.
- **Philosophical, Moral or Religious Belief Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by the parent or guardian whose sincerely held philosophical, moral or religious belief is opposed to such immunization.
- **History of Disease Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by the parent or guardian or physician stating that the child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease.