

Immunizations: What You Need to Know for School

What vaccines does my child need to attend school?

Vaccines are required for children to attend preschool through 12th grade. Your child will need different vaccines depending on their age and grade.



Childcare



Preschool-12



MyIR

How do I know if my child has all of the vaccines that they need?

Check with your child's Healthcare Provider to see if they have received all of the vaccines they need. If your child was vaccinated in Washington State, you can also view their immunization record in MyIR.

What forms do I need to turn in?

Immunization records must be submitted to the school on a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form. A completed copy of this form can be printed from MyIR, or by your child's Healthcare Provider. You may also turn in a print-out of your child's official immunization records from their healthcare provider.

When do I need to turn in immunization records?

Immunization records must be submitted prior to your child starting school. It is easiest to turn them in when registering your child.

Where can my child get vaccinated?

The best place for your child to get vaccinated is at their Healthcare Provider's office. If your child does not have a regular Healthcare Provider you can schedule an immunization appointment at a free or low-cost clinic, or at a local pharmacy. Schedule an appointment for your child as soon as possible, appointments close to the start of the school year may not be available.

What if I cannot afford vaccines?

Most clinics receive vaccine through the Childhood Vaccine Program. This program provides the vaccine at no cost to the clinic, and limits the amount that clinics can charge for an administration fee. If you need assistance with paying the administration fee, check with your clinic about their ability to waive the fee or visit a local free or low-cost clinic.



Free/Low-Cost Resources

Can my child be exempted from receiving vaccines?

Children can be exempted from receiving vaccines required for school. To exempt your child you must submit a Certificate of Exemption (COE) form prior to your child starting school. For a COE to be valid it must be signed by your child's Healthcare Provider. Children who are exempted from vaccines may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak.

