

## **SUPPORTS FOR IMMUNIZATION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSTABILITY**

Oregon's immunization requirements help make sure every child has the opportunity to get caught up on needed vaccines each year. Every state has laws requiring vaccination to go to school. School and child care staff are partners in keeping kids healthy and free of vaccine-preventable diseases. These laws and partnerships have been very effective at stopping the spread of disease in the classroom and community.

### **FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

If you get a letter or call from your child's school letting you know they are behind on vaccines or that they need records of the vaccines, here is what you can do:

1. Talk to the school to clarify what they need. Your child might be due for vaccines, or the school might require a copy of vaccination records.
2. If your child is due for vaccines and you need help getting them, contact the local health department or ask the school if they can help. Your child can get low or no-cost vaccines through the [Vaccines for Children](#) program if they have no insurance, have the Oregon Health Plan, or are American Indian or Alaska Native. You can call 211 to find out where you can get low or no-cost vaccines.
3. If you have a doctor, contact the doctor to get an appointment or a copy of your child's vaccination records.
4. If you are choosing not to vaccinate, watch the [non-medical exemption video](#) and submit a certificate of completion to the school. If you need computer or internet access, check with the school or a public library for assistance.
5. Bring the updated vaccination records to the school.



## FOR SCHOOLS

There are five main tasks each school or facility must do.

1. Collect immunization records.
2. Submit the Immunization Reports each year.
3. Submit the Primary Review Summary reports each year.
4. Enforce Exclusion Day.
5. Share immunization numbers with parents.

## What are the differences in immunization rules between students who are covered under McKinney-Vento and those who are not?

- ✓ A student who is considered homeless must be enrolled right away, even if they have no immunization record. In comparison, other new students cannot start school until they provide the school with immunization documentation.
- ✓ Schools are required to help families compile an immunization record for McKinney-Vento students under [OAR 333-050-0250\(6\)](#).

## What should you do as a school staff or McKinney-Vento liaison?

The main goal is to help the school get an immunization record for the student. If that student is due for vaccines, work with the family to find a place to get vaccinated or complete a nonmedical exemption. The earlier in the school year the better. If they don't get caught up by the **4th Wednesday in February** (Exclusion Day) and an exclusion order is issued, school administrators are required by [ORS 433.267\(7\)](#) and [OAR 333-050-0310](#), to exclude the student from school until they bring in the updated paperwork.

## How do you help get a student's immunization record?

- ✓ To enroll in ALERT IIS go to the [Oregon Health Authority's New User Accounts website](#) and sign up as a new user.
- ✓ Request a record from a previous school
- ✓ Help the family contact a previous medical provider for a copy of the record, or
- ✓ Connect the family with local immunization services to get needed vaccines. Call 211 or your local health department for information about clinics.

## How do you know if a student is due for vaccines?

1. Check ALERT IIS for a record
2. Check the student's file for paper records of vaccination or non-medical exemptions
3. Add all vaccine and exemption dates into your school's student information system (Synergy, PowerSchool, etc.)
4. The SIS will show whether the student is complete or incomplete for vaccines

### Who to contact with questions:

- ✿ If you have questions about the McKinney-Vento Act, Contact the State Coordinator at [OR-MV@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:OR-MV@ode.oregon.gov)
- ✿ If you have questions about school immunization requirements, contact the Oregon Health Authority School Immunization Team at [Oregon.imm@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:Oregon.imm@odhsoha.oregon.gov)



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