

Immunization Records for Homeless Students

Oregon law* requires that newly entering students have an immunization record showing at least one dose of each required vaccine or an exemption before starting school. However, homeless students are to be allowed to enroll conditionally without an immunization record. The school is then responsible for helping find the record for the child. **Homeless students are still subject to the annual immunization review and Exclusion Day, so please help families get needed immunizations or records as soon as possible.** Suggestions for obtaining immunizations or records are listed below:

Children needing immunizations

Children can get immunizations at no cost if they have no insurance, are on the Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid, or are Alaska Native or American Indian. Low or no cost vaccines are available at school-based health centers, local health departments, and many clinics. Please help connect homeless families with an immunization clinic, or call 211 for information about local clinics.

Records for children born in Oregon or who have received immunizations in an Oregon clinic

Oregon ALERT IIS is the statewide registry of immunizations.

www.alertiis.org

A school staff person can have access to ALERT IIS by:

- Viewing the online training for school users
- Printing out the certificate of completion
- Completing an individual user agreement and
- Faxing the information to ALERT IIS at 971-673-0276.



If records are not in ALERT IIS, contact the family doctor or clinic where vaccines have been given to see if they have information that ALERT IIS does not have on file.

Records for children not born in Oregon or new to the state

Check with ALERT IIS first. If there is no information, contact the registry in the state the family has recently moved from to see if they have information on file.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html>

If a child was born out of the country and has no immunization record, please refer the family to a local clinic. Call 211 to find information about local immunization clinics.

Questions? Call the Oregon Immunization Program at 971-673-0300.

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