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Immunization Exclusion Day

Patterns in absenteeism can vary widely, and timely analysis of attendance data helps districts to recognize and proactively respond to both short-term spikes in absenteeism and persistent patterns. One example of a time when schools may see a short-term spike is Exclusion Day, which is observed on the fourth Wednesday in February and requires schools to exclude students who need updated immunization records, per ORS 433.267(7) and OAR 333-050-0310. This often results in a short-term decline in attendance as students remain at home until documentation is provided.

Schools can keep students in school and healthy by proactively helping them get caught up on needed immunizations now to avoid exclusion. School staff can find missing records in ALERT IIS, Oregon's registry of immunizations. Staff can also connect families needing vaccines to immunization services by calling 211 or the local health department to find immunization clinics in your community. Some schools partner with their Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) or other health care provider to bring vaccines on-site during exclusion week. The Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education, and McKinney-Vento Program offer resources to help families stay current on vaccinations and regular attendance:

- 2025 Catch-Up flyer for parents and caregivers with information about where to get vaccines
  - English
  - Español (Spanish)
    - Additional languages available on the website linked above
- 2025-26 Immunization Reporting Packet
- 2025-26 Immunization Requirements
  - English
  - Español (Spanish)
    - Additional languages available on the website linked above

Vaccines are available to all children at no cost. The Vaccines for Children program covers children who have:

- Oregon Health Plan (OHP)/No Medicaid
- Children with insurance are also fully covered for vaccines. Families can call 211 to find a clinic that provides vaccines.