



Date: August 25, 2021
To: Interested Parties
From: Zintars Beldavs, Section Manager
Acute & Communicable Disease Prevention Section
Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR 333-019-1030, " Vaccination Requirements to Control COVID-19 for Schools and School-based Programs"

The Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division is temporarily adopting OAR 333-019-1030 pertaining to vaccination requirements for teachers and school staff to control COVID-19.

This temporary rule is effective August 25, 2021, through February 20, 2022.

OAR 333-019-1030 helps to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 by requiring teachers, school staff, volunteers, and school-based program staff and volunteers who work in schools to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or to request a medical or religious exception.

After October 18, 2021:

- School staff and volunteers and school-based program staff and volunteers may not teach, work, provide care, learn, study, assist, observe, or volunteer at or for a school or school-based program unless they are fully vaccinated or have provided documentation of a medical or religious exception.
- Schools and school-based programs may not employ, contract with, or accept the volunteer services of teachers, school staff and volunteers, or school-based program staff and volunteers unless they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have a documented medical or religious exception.

On or before October 18, 2021, teachers, school staff and volunteers, and school-based program staff and volunteers must provide the school or school-based program with either:

- Proof of vaccination showing they are fully vaccinated; or
- Documentation of a medical or religious exception.

On or before October 18, 2021, schools must have documentation that all teachers, school staff and volunteers are in compliance with this rule.

The vaccination documentation and documentation of medical and religious exceptions described in the rule must be:

- Maintained in accordance with applicable federal and state laws;
- Maintained for at least two years; and
- Provided to the Oregon Health Authority upon request.

Schools and school-based programs that violate any provision of this rule are subject to civil penalties of \$500 per day per violation.

For more details, including the definitions of teachers, school staff and volunteers; school-based program staff and volunteers; school; school-based program; medical exception; and religious exception please see the Temporary Administrative Order, including the Statement of Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rules at the following website:

www.healthoregon.org/diseasereporting

If you have any questions, please send an email to COVID.19@dhsosha.state.or.us