

It's that time of year again, and where has the summer gone? With just a couple weeks until school starts make sure your children have their immunizations.

In Nebraska, children are required to be protected by immunization against various diseases in order to attend classes in public or private school. All students must have written proof to all immunization statuses.

Immunizations include: diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella; hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox).

Parents or guardians must present one of three documents to the school verifying his or her child's immunization status.

-An immunization record showing that the child is protected by age-appropriate immunization.

-A signed statement by a physician stating that required immunization would be injurious to the student or members of the student's family or household.

-Or an affidavit signed by a legally authorized representative stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is a member.

If the student has not received all the required immunizations, because the immunizations are given in a series the student may still enroll in the school as long as the student continues the necessary immunizations as rapidly as is medically feasible. However, if the series is not complete and he or she does not continue with the immunizations schedule, he or she will be sent home.

The school district is required by law to report annually to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services its immunization status.

*Source: Nebraska Department of*

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