



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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In reply, please refer to:
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September 27, 2019

Dear Principal/Administrator:

The Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-157, "Examination and Immunization" include the health requirements for entry into any child care facility, school, and post-secondary school in the state. Amendments to the HAR 11-157 were signed by Governor David Ige in August 2019. The revised rules now conform with current, national recommendations and reflect what is already occurring in healthcare providers' offices and clinics in Hawaii as standard medical practice.

Beginning July 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, additional immunizations will be required for students entering preschool, kindergarten, 7th grade, and all students entering school in Hawaii for the first time. To assist in the implementation of the revised rules, the following resources are enclosed:

- An unofficial copy of the revised HAR 11-157
- Immunization Requirements Summary
- Religious Exemption form (EPI 7A)
- Medical Exemption form (EPI 8)
- Important Notice to Parents information sheet
- Vax to School poster
- Vax to School parent fliers

Please distribute the enclosed parent fliers to all current 6th graders to inform them of the 7th grade immunization requirements.

Highlights of the amendments include:

- **New Vaccination Requirements (effective July 1, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year)**

In addition to all vaccines previously required for attendance, the following immunizations will be necessary prior to school entry:

Child care facility/Preschool	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) Hepatitis A
Kindergarten	Hepatitis A
Grades 1 – 6 (new to the Hawaii school system)	Hepatitis A
Grade 7	Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
Grades 7 – 12 (new to the Hawaii school system)	Hepatitis A Human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)

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See enclosed Immunization Requirements Summary for number of doses required, minimum age/interval requirements, and exceptions.

- **Exemptions**

The State of Hawaii continues to recognize exemptions to the immunization requirements for medical and religious reasons. Copies of the current medical and religious exemption forms are enclosed. Medical exemptions must be documented on the enclosed form by the student's healthcare provider. *Philosophical or personal belief exemptions are not allowed.*

- **7th Grade Physical Examination**

All students entering 7th grade must present a record of his/her physical examination performed within 12 months before the date of first attendance.

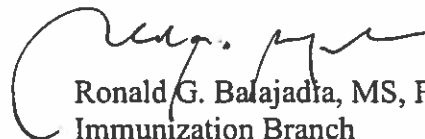
To view the official copy of HAR 11-157, which includes the 198-page Exhibit B: General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, visit <https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/files/2019/08/11-157-includes-Exhibit-A-and-Exhibit-B.pdf>.

For more information, visit <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/vaccines-immunizations/school-health-requirements/sy-20-21/>.

Additional resources and training materials to assist in implementation of the updated requirements are in development and will be forthcoming.

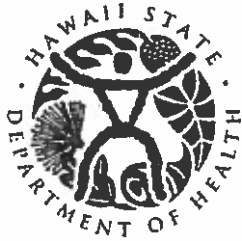
We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in ensuring that all of Hawaii's students are healthy and protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. If you have any questions, please call the Immunization Branch at (808) 586-8300.

Sincerely,



Ronald G. Balajadia, MS, Program Manager
Immunization Branch

Enclosures



REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM VACCINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

Student's Name:		Student's Date of Birth:	
Student's Home Address:		City	Zip
Name of Child Care Facility or School:	Street Address:	City	Zip
<p>_____ I certify that immunization conflicts with my bona fide religious tenets and practices. Initials</p> <p>_____ I understand that if at any time there is, in the opinion of the Department of Health, danger of an outbreak or epidemic from any communicable disease for which immunization is required, this exemption from immunization shall not be recognized and my child will be excluded from school or his/her child care facility until the threat of an epidemic is over or he/she receives the proper immunization. Initials</p> <p>_____ I understand that a request for religious exemption based on objections to specific vaccines will not be granted. Initials</p> <p>I understand the benefits and risks of the vaccinations my child is required to have for school/child care facility attendance, the risk of my child contracting the diseases that vaccines prevent, and the risk of my child transmitting disease to others. I understand that this form may not be used for personal or philosophical reasons.</p>			
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)			
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date: _____	
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES: §302A-1156, §302A-1157, §325-34			
HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: §11-157-5			