

Vaccine Exemptions for Students Entering 7th Grade

Frequently Asked Questions

When a student is eligible to enroll in 7th grade (or a student turns 12 years old), the student's legally responsible individual must submit/renew his/her exemption form, even if an exemption form had been submitted previously during elementary school attendance.

□ Once an exemption form is received at any point from grade 7 on, the form is valid until the student graduates from high school - even if the student changes schools. No need for exemption renewal.

□ **NOTE:** *Exemption forms obtained through the completion of the Utah Department of Health online education module are valid for no less than two years. Therefore, if a student had submitted an exemption form in 6th grade, that student needs to renew his/her exemption form in 8th grade, not seventh grade.*

What is the process for claiming an exemption from required vaccines?

Beginning on July 1, 2018, students claiming an exemption to the required vaccinations must have their legally responsible individual complete an **on-line educational module (free of charge at www.immunize-utah.org), or attend an in-person consultation (fee of up to \$25) at a local health department**, then submit to the student's school a completed Utah vaccination exemption form available on-line after completing the educational module or at the local health department.

Utah allows for three types of exemptions: ***personal, religious, or medical.***

□ For **personal/religious** exemption from the required vaccinations, the student's legally responsible individual must provide to the student's school a completed Utah vaccination exemption form, stating that the student is exempt from vaccination because of a personal or religious belief.

□ For a **medical exemption** from required immunizations, the student's legally responsible individual must provide to the student's school a completed Utah vaccination exemption form **AND** a written statement signed by a licensed healthcare provider stating that, due to the physical condition of the student, administration of the vaccine would endanger the student's life or health.

Where can I find the online immunization education exemption module?

<https://immunize.utah.gov/immunization-education-module/>

What if a student/child has previously been diagnosed by a physician with a vaccine-preventable disease?

If the student has immunity against a disease for which a vaccination is required, *because the student has previously contracted the disease*, a letter from a healthcare provider must be provided to the school/early childhood program verifying the diagnosis. Schools/early childhood programs must attach the immunity document from the healthcare provider to the Utah School Immunization Record.

Where can I find more information about immunizations?

Contact the Utah Immunization Program or visit the website at www.immunize-utah.org.

Utah Immunization Program

Phone: (801) 538-9450 or Fax (801)538-9440 Immunization

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