



Manatee County School Health Services **Immunization Policy**

1) New student enrollment:

“New” students are those students entering a Florida public school (including charter schools) for the first time, such as, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, those transferring from another state, or transferring from an in-state private school.

- a) **An original, current “Florida Certification of Immunization” (i.e. DH 680 form) that is dated and signed by the physician (Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, or Doctor of Chiropractic) or physician designee must be provided to the registrar during the enrollment process and prior to the student’s first day of class.** Specific immunizations needed are those required by the Florida Department of Health.

- b) Homeless students:

Thirty (30) day immunization waivers are allowed for students meeting the criteria for homeless.

2) Religious exemptions:

Religious exemptions to immunizations may be granted, however they can only be obtained by an appointment with the Department of Health Manatee County Health designee. The designee will document the exemption on the DH 681 form which shall be kept in the student’s health folder.

3) Permanent Medical exemptions:

The permanent medical exemption (DH 680 C) can only be signed by a Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy. A Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) cannot sign a permanent medical exemption.

4) In-state transfers from other public schools:

- a) Immunization records from FASTER (Florida Automated System for Transferring Records) meet the immunization documentation requirements.
- b) Parents must sign an “Immunization in Transit”, MSB form 41-333, documenting that the student has received the required immunizations. If the records are not received within 30 days or are not adequate when received, the student shall be excluded from school.
- c) In-state transfers from private schools are not eligible for 30-day waiver.

5) Updated Immunizations:

- a. At times, a student may be “current” in their immunization status, but not “complete” - indicating another dose of an immunization is needed. This student would have form DH 680 B with an expiration date. The student

will be excluded from school after this date if additional immunizations are not received.

When additional immunizations are received, the parents should provide a new complete DH 680 form.

- b. 7th grade Immunization: If the student has a valid DH 680 on file for general immunization requirements (part A-1), the 7th grade immunization certificate (part A-2) may be accepted. The student will have two DH 680 certificates on file.
- 6) School nurses cannot sign or alter a DH 680 form.
 - 7) Principals will be notified by the nurse of students not in compliance with immunizations. Principals shall take the appropriate measures to exclude the student from school until the immunization requirements are met.