

ESD OFFICIAL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Effective 8.1.2020

- 1. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS. Each student enrolled at The Episcopal School of Dallas shall be immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the most current immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- 2. All students shall have a complete and current immunization record on file for enrollment or re-enrollment to be valid.
 - a. The series and booster records must include:
 - i. Antigen and the month, day and year each vaccine was administered and
 - ii. The name, phone number, and title of the healthcare provider administering the vaccine.
 - b. Prior to the first day of attendance each year, new students shall present to The Episcopal School of Dallas the immunization record from a physician or healthcare provider authorized to administer immunizations, in accordance with the immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- 3. Any student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be enrolled until the required up-to-date immunization record has been received.
- 4. <u>Have submitted (i) an original notarized affidavit for Exemptions From Immunizations</u> for Reasons of Conscience Form prior to August 22, 2018, and (ii) an original notarized affidavit for Exemptions From Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Form dated within two years of the date of notarization.
- 5. Have an original written medical exemption from immunizations from a licensed U.S. physician which is dated within one year from the date signed by the physician (unless it indicates a lifelong exemption)
 - a. To claim exclusions for medical reasons, a written statement shall be received from a board-certified allergy/immunology or hematology/oncology physician licensed by any state in the United States (M.D. or D.O.) who has examined



the student and determines:

- i. A vaccination to be medically contraindicated and injurious to the health and well-being of the child;
- ii. or An allergy to the vaccination(s) identified in the statement and will suffer severe allergic reaction(s) described in the statement; or
- An immunodeficiency described in the statement and will suffer a serious health risk(s), which is also described in the statement if the student receives the vaccination(s) specifically identified in the statement; and
- iv. The child does not pose a health risk to the school or community if enrolled without receiving an immunization.
- b. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If at the end of any 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine on schedule, the student will not be in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered and proof of immunization has been provided to the school.

Approved by the Executive Team 9/11/2019