

IMMUNIZATIONS

It is unlawful for any student to enroll in school unless he has been immunized, as required under the rules and regulations of the public health division of the New Mexico Department of Health, and can provide satisfactory evidence of such immunization. Provided, if the student produces satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of immunization, he or she may enroll and attend school as long as the immunization process is being accomplished in the prescribed manner. It is unlawful for any parent to refuse or neglect to have his child immunized, as required by this section, unless the child is properly exempted.

Exemptions from Immunization Requirements:

Any minor child through his parent or guardian may file with the health authority charged with the duty of enforcing the immunization laws:

- A. A certificate of a duly licensed physician stating that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would seriously endanger the life or health of the child; or
- B. Affidavits or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that such child's parents or guardians are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing; or
- C. Affidavits or written affirmation from his parent or legal guardian that his religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent.

Upon filing and approval of such certificate, affidavits or affirmation by the Department of Health, the student is exempt from the legal requirement of immunization for a period not to exceed nine months on the basis of any one certificate, affidavits or affirmation.

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