

Salt Lake County Health Regulation #38

Frequently Asked Questions for School Personnel

Which vaccines does this regulation require?

All district personnel who work in a school are required to obtain the following vaccines or have proof of immunity to the applicable vaccine-preventable diseases as established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- **MMR** (measles, mumps and rubella): Personnel born in or after 1957 must have documentation of two doses of the MMR administered at least one month apart, or proof of immunity.
- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis): Personnel must provide documentation of one dose of the Tdap.
- **Varicella** (chickenpox): Personnel must provide documentation of receiving two doses of Varicella vaccine at least four weeks apart, or physician diagnosis or personal recall of Varicella disease or proof of immunity.

What is proof of immunity?

Proof of immunity can be demonstrated by receiving a blood test showing proof of immunity to a particular disease. This blood test can be performed by your healthcare provider.

Where can I locate a record of my vaccines?

Vaccine records are available at the clinic, pharmacy, or health department where you received the vaccine. Your primary physician or health care provider may have record of vaccines that you have previously received, or a school or university may also have immunization records for their former students or graduates.

Some vaccine providers enter vaccine records in the confidential Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS). Visit USIIS.org to request your immunization history, though be aware that not all providers participate in USIIS, so your information may be missing or incomplete.

What if I cannot locate my vaccination record or am missing a required vaccine?

All personnel working in a school are required to maintain a record of immunizations or proof of immunity and, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, must provide these records to the Salt Lake County Health Department upon request.

It is not harmful to repeat a vaccine, and personnel can receive the required vaccines at their health care provider, local pharmacies, or at a Salt Lake County Health Department immunization clinic (call 385-468-7468 for an appointment).

What if I want a vaccine exemption?

Personnel may claim an exemption to an immunization for medical, religious, or personal reasons. Each claimed exemption must be accompanied by the appropriate exemption form, available in-person at a Salt County Health Department immunization clinic.

As with students with an exemption, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, the Salt Lake County Health Department may exclude from school any personnel who have not been immunized, even if the personnel have an exemption, for the duration of the outbreak and/or threat of exposure. Such staff will be allowed back only when the Salt Lake County Health Department is satisfied that there is no longer a risk of contracting or transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease.

When will this regulation take effect?

This regulation took effect in June 2016 and will be enforced beginning in August 2017.