

TEMPLE EMANUEL IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR SCHOOL AGED PROGRAMS

Effective 8/23/19

Our Policy

Beginning with the launch of the 2019-2020 academic year, all students and staff enrolled in The Rabbi Steven Foster Early Learning Center, The Max Frankel Religious School, Temple Emanuel Youth Groups, and Shwayder Camp are required to have received age-appropriate vaccines as determined by the [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#), [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#), and the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).

In 2015, The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) adopted a Mandatory Immunization Policy resolution with which all Reform congregations are being encouraged to align. ([Click here to read The Union for Reform Judaism's Resolution on Mandatory Immunization Laws](#))

We know that some of our parents may have chosen to defer the vaccination of their children. Nonetheless, for the Temple Emanuel community, this is not about individual rights and choice, but rather, it is an issue of public health and policy.

The updated state vaccination recommendations for K-12 students are as follows:

Required Vaccines (from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment):

- diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP, DT, DTP, Tdap)
- polio (IPV)
- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- hepatitis B (HepB)
- haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- pneumococcal (PCV13)
- varicella (chickenpox)

The number, timing, and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To be considered valid, a dose of vaccine must meet both the minimum age and minimum intervals as defined by ACIP. You can view the current ACIP vaccine schedule for persons 0 - 18 yrs of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf.

Vaccines are recommended for rotavirus, hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Exemptions

Temple Emanuel will not accept personal or religious exemption for required immunizations.

Temple Emanuel recognizes that individuals who have had a documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine, will not be able to receive further doses of that individual vaccine. In addition, individuals with certain medical conditions will not be able to receive certain vaccines.

If your child cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a properly completed and signed official Immunization Medical Exemption Form with your child's registration for the 2022-2023 academic year. This form must be

completed and signed by your child's licensed medical doctor (MD). You can get the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption. Once completed, this form can be uploaded to your child's registration application.

Required Forms

All parents must submit a current immunization record form from your child's licensed medical doctor (MD), during the registration process. A participant's registration application, until proper immunization records are provided, will be incomplete and will not be considered for enrollment in the 2022-2023 academic year.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions about our Immunization Policy, please contact Brad Cohen, Director of Youth and Family Learning, at cohen@emanueldenver.org