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Back to School: Strategies for Getting Kids Vaccinated and Navigating Colorado's New Non-Medical Exemption Requirements

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Immunize Colorado Education Series

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Partnering to KEEP COLORADO COMMUNITIES HEALTHY

OUR MISSION

Founded in 1991, Immunize Colorado (formerly the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition) is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves to protect Colorado families, schools and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases.

What We Do



Coalition Building: Strengthen and expand Colorado's immunization initiatives and data through partnerships and collaboration



Public Policy: Advocate for policies that aim to better protect Colorado children and communities



Free and Low-Cost Vaccines: Partner to provide free and low-cost vaccines to families in need



Community Outreach and Awareness: Communicate vaccine information with healthcare providers, parents, the media and organizations



Provider Education: Educate health care professionals on crucial and timely vaccine-related topics



Data Translation and Action: Spearhead partnerships to advance the understanding and utilization of local, state and national immunization data

Now Hiring! Colorado Immunity Corps Positions

- Immunize Colorado's AmeriCorps VISTA program, the Colorado Immunity Corps is now recruiting for its 2021/22 member positions!
- Members who participate in the CO-mmunity Corps will develop and implement local activities that promote education and access to immunizations, including COVID-19 vaccines.
- Through this national service program, members will gain valuable experience in public health and aid in capacity building efforts to promote vaccine and health equity.
- Learn more on our website!



Multi-Language, Culturally Responsive COVID-19 Vaccine Messaging Resources for Refugee and Immigrant Communities

Immunize Colorado's AmeriCorps VISTA program, Amy Bell developed new resources

- 10 videos in 10 different languages, delivered by Denver Health care navigators and other trusted community leaders
- The videos also show community members how to sign up for a vaccine appointment at Denver Health
- The videos are available in Arabic, Amharic, Burmese, French, Karen, Maay Maay, Nepali, Somali, Swahili, and Vietnamese.
- Blog post from Amy on our website!



Colorado Vaccine Equity Taskforce – New Factsheet!

Here's how the taskforce can help you.

- **Website:** We have two robust websites in both English and Spanish that provide detailed information about how the COVID vaccine works, as well as information on how to get the vaccine.
- **Free digital resources:** The taskforce is committed to ensuring that all groups and individuals have the resources they need to share COVID vaccine facts and information. We have free social media tools and videos in English and Spanish. We also have short explainer videos available in multiple languages including Amharic, Arabic, Karen and others.
- **Tailored presentations:** Our taskforce members include many of our state's leading experts on the COVID vaccine as well as community leaders and healthcare advocates. They are all available to provide presentations tailored to your organization's needs. You can see our taskforce membership.



The Colorado Vaccine Equity Taskforce exists to ensure that all groups – regardless of race, ethnicity, ability and other factors – have all the facts to make informed decisions about the safety of vaccines for their families, and to hold leaders accountable for ensuring access to these vaccines for all. Taskforce members represent a diverse collection of Coloradans working to ensure all communities have all the facts to keep their families healthy.

HERE'S HOW THE TASKFORCE CAN HELP

Information on the COVID vaccine

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For assistance, contact Michele Ames at info@coloradovaccineequity.org

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Tailored presentations

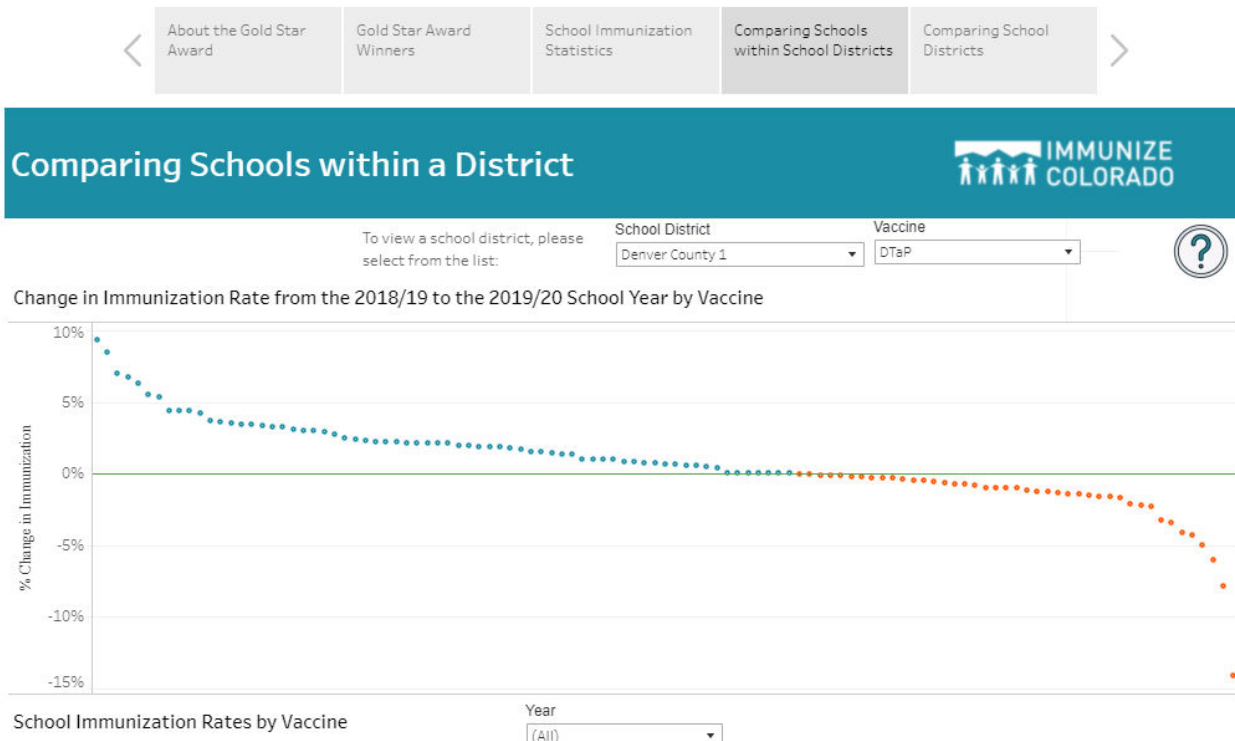
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New! Immunize Colorado Data Dashboards for School Districts and Legislative Districts Dashboards



Navigation: About the Gold Star Award | Gold Star Award Winners | School Immunization Statistics | **Comparing Schools within School Districts** | Comparing School Districts

Immunity Community Honor Roll

The purpose of the Immunity Community Honor Roll is to recognize K-12 schools and school districts that have achieved exceptional vaccination coverage. The honor roll can be viewed for the 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020 schools years as reported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

For a school to be listed on the Immunity Community Honor Roll and achieve "Gold Star Status", it must report vaccination rates that meet the Healthy People 2030 goals: immunization coverage of 95% or above for DTaP, HepB, MMR, Polio, and Varicella and 80% for Tdap when applicable (schools with students in 6th grade or higher). For a school district to be listed on the Honor Roll, all schools in the district must achieve Gold Star Status.

17% of Colorado school districts achieve Gold Star Status.

46% of Colorado students attend a school that achieved Gold Star Status.

Gold Star Award

View the Immunity Community Honor Roll page to see the full list of schools and school districts that have achieved Gold Star Status.

Explore the rest of the dashboard to see how Colorado schools and school districts compare and how immunization rates have changed over time. The following pages give insight into why certain schools and school districts have made the Honor Roll and where further improvements can be made.

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LITTLE TOTS
Un-Luncheon

Benefitting Immunize Colorado

November 1 – 30,
2021



SAVE THE DATE!

Big Shots Supporting Little Tots *Un-Luncheon*

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Event

- Raise funds to support Immunize Colorado
- Partake in friendly fundraising competition
- Hear from Colorado leaders in vaccine equity
- Celebrate with us during a cooking demonstration
- ...and more!

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- BSN from CU Health Sciences Center and a MSN and Clinical Nurse Specialty
- Coordinator of Schools and Community at CDPHE
- Prior to joining the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Immunization Branch in 2004, she worked as a public health nurse at both El Paso County Public Health and Teller County Public Health



Tavio Pirocchi, MA

- Data analyst and has been with the Colorado Immunization Branch since 2016
- Facilitates the school and child care immunization data reporting project, creates data visualizations and works with the Vaccines for Children's program to improve data quality and efficiency
- Bachelor of Arts from The University of Alabama in Quantitative Economics and mathematical statistics and a Masters of Arts from Colorado State in Economics



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- The Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) Training and Outreach Unit Supervisor at CDPHE
- Mia has a Master of Public Health and has focused her career in community assessment and program design



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- On AAP-CO through the Legislation and Policy Committee and the Pediatric Advocacy Action Team
- Serves on the Colorado Medical Society Committee on Legislation



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- Vice President of the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Community pediatrician at Western Colorado Pediatric Associates in Grand Junction
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Colorado School-Required Vaccines

Data Reporting and the Nonmedical Exemption Process

Agenda

- School & Child Care immunization data reporting
- Brief history of school-required immunizations
- Overview of SB20-163
- How parents/patients can request nonmedical exemptions
 - Online education module
 - Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption signed by a healthcare provider
- Processing exemptions in CIIS
- Resources

School & Child Care Immunization Data Reporting Updates

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Colorado Immunization Branch

Background

- Since the 2016/17 school year, CDPHE has been collecting aggregate, facility level vaccination data from all schools and child cares licensed for 10 or more children on an annual basis.
- What vaccines are required?
 - DTaP / Tdap in 6th Grade
 - HepB
 - Polio
 - MMR
 - Varicella
 - Hib (Child Care / Preschool only)
 - PCV13 (Child Care / Preschool only)
- What do we collect?
 - Fully Immunized
 - Exemptions (Non-medical & Medical)
 - In Process (Student has a signed plan in place to be immunized)
 - Incomplete Records (Not up to date)
 - No Record

Background

- **How is the data collected?**
 - Data is aggregated and self reported by facilities through our website form
 - Some districts have partnered with CDPHE to provide student level vaccination data in a FERPA compliant methodology for all schools and students within their district and the vaccinations are validated and rates computed by CDPHE
- **What grades does the data cover**
 - K-12
 - Child care / Preschool
 - Kindergarten (individually broken out)
- **What is so special about kindergarten?**
 - School immunization requirements for kindergarten entry require additional vaccinations than the last year of preschool would.
 - This population changes heavily each year and is more representative of tracking “how we are doing” than the K-12 numbers.
 - Once a student is up to date in kindergarten they will remain up to date through 12th grade except for needing a Tdap booster upon 6th grade entry

2020/21 Updates

- Data will be released soon - really it is coming!
 - Data visualization interfaces are largely unchanged except for some bug fixes
- Pandemic did have effects nationwide on vaccination rates amongst school aged children.
 - The time for back to school immunizations was during the heights of the pandemic.
 - This affected Colorado's rates, but not to a startling degree.
- We remain committed to increasing MMR vaccination rates in kindergarten students
 - 2021/22's wildly important goal will be to reach 92% fully immunized.
 - Analysis from 19/20 shows that focusing on one vaccine does not limit the gains to just that vaccine, but does trickle down to the other required vaccines as well.
- covaxrates.com
 - Website to see the school data
 - When new data is released it will be available in the visuals linked on this page.

2021/22 Upcoming Year Reminders

- Reporting will open Oct 1, 2021
- Reporting will close Jan 15, 2022
 - We will monitor the COVID situation in schools and determine if extensions of this deadline will be of a net benefit to everyone.
- Reporting remains a requirement as laid out by Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2
 - in other words this is mandatory to complete!
- If you are having any issues with reporting data, have questions, etc. please reach out to me as soon as they arise.
 - I send out periodic reminders, do not wait for those, reach out immediately.
- <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/School-child-care-data-reporting>
 - All reporting resources, links, etc can be found at the website.

2021/22 New Updates

- For the last few years CDPHE has been piloting the collection of student level vaccination data from multiple large districts.
 - This is submitted to us in a FERPA compliant format and is non-identifiable.
 - The entire district submits for every school, preschool, child care and student within its boundary.
 - Student's records are then evaluated by CDPHE to determine vaccination status and compliance.
 - This has largely removed the reporting burden from these districts and placed this on their IT departments to submit these files and a few district nurses to evaluate the results.
 - Every record is able to be evaluated using the same methodology that easily incorporates changes to the immunization schedule or updates to the Colorado school requirements.
- During this last year we partnered with PowerSchool and Infinite Campus to incorporate these district level reports into their software.
 - CDPHE cannot assist with specific PowerSchool or Infinite Campus questions, please work with your reps at these companies to update and use the new features.

2021/22 New Updates

- What will these updates mean for everyone?
 - If a district has access to either the PowerSchool or Infinite Campus reports, we can immediately onboard your district to this method of reporting.
 - This method will become our preferred submission method, although the website reporting will remain active and utilized indefinitely.
 - For child cares, those who do not use either of these software packages or cannot upgrade to receive the updates this method of reporting can always be utilized.
- What about private schools?
 - In previous years we have not been able to accept private schools reporting in this format.
 - That has now changed! We WILL accept private schools onto this methodology providing they have access to the Infinite Campus or PowerSchool reports.

Contact Me!

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SB20-163 & The Nonmedical Exemption Process for the 2021-2022 School Year

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Colorado Immunization Branch

A Brief History of Colorado's School-required vaccines

- July 1974 - the School Immunization Law became effective, but only applied to kindergarten entrants and children in child care.
- 1978 - the School Immunization Law was repealed and reenacted to include all students K through 12th grade, as well as children in child care.
- The most recent statute influencing changes in school-required vaccines is Senate Bill 20-163. It passed in the summer of 2020 and is to be implemented for the 2021-2022 school year.

Colorado Board of Health Rule 6

CCR 1009-2

- When school-required law is revised, CDPHE presents it to the CBOH to ‘request a hearing’ where public comment is solicited
- At the CBOH hearing the public and stakeholders can provide verbal or written comments
- Discussion between BOH members “operationalize” statute into rules:

SB20 163: What are the changes?

- Consolidates the personal belief and religious exemptions into a single Nonmedical Exemption category
- Requires the use of CDPHE's "standard" Certificates of Medical and Nonmedical Exemption
- Beginning for the 2021-2022 school year, there will be two ways to file a nonmedical exemption:
 - Option 1: Download the official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption to be signed by an immunizing provider; **or**
 - Option 2: Receive an official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption after completing the Department's new online Immunization Education Module

Option 1: Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption

- Form can be accessed on the Vaccine Exemption webpage (<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>) under Downloadable Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption
- The form must be signed by a Colorado Licensed physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), or Physician Assistant (PA), or pharmacist
- New: Added line for the National Provider Identifier (NPI) to assist school/childcare staff in determining validity of the signator
- Per Colorado Revised Statutes 25-4-2403, immunizing providers who sign the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption must submit nonmedical exemption data to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) (unless the parent has opted out).

Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption (Image 1 of 2)



Immunization

Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption

Colorado law C.R.S. § 25-4-902 requires all students attending any school in the state of Colorado to be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases, as established by Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2, unless an exemption is filed. This law applies to students attending public, private and parochial kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools through 12th grade, colleges or universities, and child care facilities licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services including child care centers, school-age child care centers, preschools, day camps, resident camps, day treatment centers, family child care homes, foster care homes, and Head Start programs. "Nonmedical exemption" means an immunization exemption based upon a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations or a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations. Prior to kindergarten, a nonmedical exemption must be filed each time a student is due for vaccines according to the schedule developed by the ACIP.^{1,2} From kindergarten through 12th grade, a nonmedical exemption must be filed every year during the student's school enrollment/registration process.¹ Students with a recorded immunization exemption may be kept out of a child care facility or school during a disease outbreak; the length of time will vary depending on the type of the disease and the circumstances of the outbreak.

Please complete all required fields below and obtain all required signatures; incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Student Information:

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Date of Birth:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> X	

Parent/Guardian Completing This Form: ☐ Check if an emancipated student or student over 18 years old

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
Relationship to student: <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian		

School/Licensed Child Care Facility Information:

School Name/Licensed Child Care Facility:		
School District:		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Not Applicable
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Required Vaccines for School Entry - Place an "X" next to each vaccine for which you are claiming a nonmedical exemption.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/>	Varicella (chickenpox)

Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption (Image 2 of 2)

Statement of Exemption

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named student or am the student themselves (emancipated or over 18 years of age) and am claiming a nonmedical exemption from the vaccine(s) indicated above. The information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate. I can review evidence-based vaccine information at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education, www.spreadthevaxfacts.com/, www.immunizeforgood.com/ for additional information on the benefits and risks of vaccines and the diseases they prevent. I can contact the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) at www.covaxrecords.org or my health care provider to locate my child's/my immunization record.³

REQUIRED Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian/Student (emancipated or over 18 years old)

REQUIRED Print Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____
Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Physician Assistant, or Pharmacist (authorized pursuant to section 12-240-107 (6), C.R.S.)

REQUIRED National Provider Identifier (NPI): _____

-- OR --

Online Education Module Completion Date and Time (system generated): _____

*A certificate of nonmedical exemption generated from the department's online education module is only complete and valid if both the system-generated date and timestamp and CDPHE watermark are present.

¹ Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=7698&fileName=6%20CCR%201009-2>

² 2020 Recommended Immunizations from Birth through 6 Years Old: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf. Based on this schedule, a nonmedical exemption would be submitted at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months of age.

³ Under Colorado law, you have the option to exclude your child's/your information from CIIS at any time. To opt out of CIIS, go to www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ciis-opt-out-procedures. Please be advised you will be responsible for maintaining your child's/your immunization records to ensure school compliance.

Pharmacists

- Pharmacists have been providing vaccines for adults and children (within specific age limits) for years
- With the passing of SB20-163, pharmacists may provide basic vaccine education and signatures on the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption

Option 2: Online Immunization Education Module

- Available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week at the Vaccine Exemption webpage: www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption
- Important Notes:
 - Per ADA and 508 Compliance, the module includes recorded audio. Users do not have to wait until the audio ends before they proceed to the next slide
 - It is important to listen closely to the beginning of the narrative which informs the user how they can advance from one slide to the next slide
 - Slides have 10-15 second requirements before the Next button can be selected
 - It is strongly recommend that users review the [Technical Guidance and Troubleshooting document](#) before beginning the course
- At the completion of the module, an electronic fillable form must be completed in order to obtain a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption. The parent or guardian will have an option to complete a form for more than one minor in the family without having to retake the module

Online Immunization Education Module (Screenshots)

Overview

This course covers the following topics over the next 20 minutes:

Your Immune System and How Vaccines Work

What is Herd or Community Immunity?

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Their Vaccines

Vaccine Safety and Schedules

Vaccine Safety Concerns

Note: This course defines "Health Care Provider" to include Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and delegated Physician Assistant (PA). "Health Care Provider" will be used throughout the course for simplicity.



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Your Immune System & How Vaccines Work^{1, 2, 3, 11}

Germs can enter your body in many ways. Once inside, they can start to **grow** and **attack** your body. This is called an **infection** and is what causes people to get sick. Your immune system has special cells that recognize germs as invaders. They respond by making proteins called **antibodies**. Antibodies help destroy the germs that can make you sick, and they stay in your bloodstream to protect you from future infections. If the same germs try to infect you again, your antibodies can quickly recognize them and destroy them before they make you sick.

Scientists and medical experts make vaccines from the same germs that cause disease, but the germs have been killed, or in some cases, weakened. Dead or weakened germs **won't** make you sick, but **your body will still make antibodies**. Vaccines teach your immune system to protect you from many diseases that can be harmful. Before vaccines, many people had to go to the hospital or died because of diseases that are now preventable. Those same germs still exist today, but now we have vaccines to protect us against them, so we don't get sick.



Watch the video above to learn more about how vaccines work. [Learn more](#) about natural immunity versus immunization.

- Guidance for reviewing Certificates of Nonmedical Exemption

Determining Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption Form Validity

How do I know if it's a valid certificate?

1

REQUIRED Print Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Physician Assistant, or Pharmacist (authorized pursuant to section 12-240-107 (6), C.R.S.)

2

REQUIRED National Provider Identifier (NPI): _____ -- OR --
 Online Education Module Completion Date and Time (system generated): _____

*A certificate of nonmedical exemption generated from the department's online education module is only complete and valid if both the system-generated date and timestamp and CDPHE watermark are present.

You'll need to determine whether the form was: (1) signed by a provider or (2) received upon the completion of the Online Immunization Education Module. See image above.

1. Signed by a provider?
 - a. [This form](#) is available for parents/guardians to download from our exemptions webpage to take to their healthcare provider for signature.
 - b. There will be no watermark.
 - c. There will be no timestamp.
 - d. The provider must print their name, sign, and provide their National Provider Identifier (NPI) with their signature. Please use the [NPI Registry](#) to search NPI and verify provider.
2. Received upon completion of the education module?
 - a. [Large grey CDPHE logo](#) watermark in background.
 - b. System-generated timestamp (format: (MM/DD/YYYY H:MM:SS AM/PM).
 - c. There will be no required provider signature line.

How often do parents need to submit a nonmedical exemption to the school?

- K through 12th grade: parents must submit annually (exemptions expire June 30th of every year)
- Child Care: parents submit at 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months of age. This frequency replicates the times children would receive ACIP recommended vaccines.

Once a child turns 18 months of age and the nonmedical exemption is in place, another nonmedical exemption does not need to be submitted until Kindergarten entry.

Critical Partnerships

- Schools are mandated to collect student immunization records and medical and nonmedical exemptions in order for students to attend school. That's the law!
- Good relationships between healthcare providers and child care/school nurses assist in school immunization compliance and supports parent confidence
- School-required vaccine schedules follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- For assistance in troubleshooting the ACIP schedule, HCPs and pharmacists can call CDPHE at 303-692-2700 and ask for a 'Vaccine Nurse call Line' (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

School-required vaccines & exemptions contact

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Reviewing & Processing Exemptions in the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)

How Nonmedical Exemptions are Entered in CIIS

- Option 1: If a provider signs a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption, the provider is **required** to enter the exemption(s) into CIIS on behalf of the patient, unless the patient is opted-out of CIIS
- Option 2: If a parent or guardian completes the online education module, they will either have the option to choose Submit & Print or Print Only
 - If Submit & Print is selected, the exemption will be entered into CIIS if (1) the form is deemed accurate and (2) the patient has not opted-out of CIIS. The parent or guardian is highly encouraged to save a copy of the form
 - If Print Only is selected, information will **not** be sent to CIIS. The parent or guardian must submit the form to the school or childcare on their own

✓ Submit & Print

If you choose this option:

- You will be able to print this form for your records.
- Your/your child's exemption information will be added to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS).
- If your/your child's school participates in CIIS, they will be able to access the exemption information you submitted.
- If your/your child's school does not participate in CIIS, you will need to submit a paper exemption form to your school.

✓ Submit & Print

🖨️ Print Only

If you choose this option:



- You will be able to print this form for your records.
- Your/your child's exemption information will NOT be added to CIIS and you must submit a paper exemption form to your/your child's school.
- Your exemption information will be erased after printing; CDPHE will NOT store your information.

🖨️ Print Only

Important CIIS Icons



- Exemptions: Flag icon

Search Results - 1 record(s)

ID	Name	Insurance	Gender	DOB		Action
			F		 	Demographics

You may add a new patient by clicking the 'New Patient' button. [New](#)

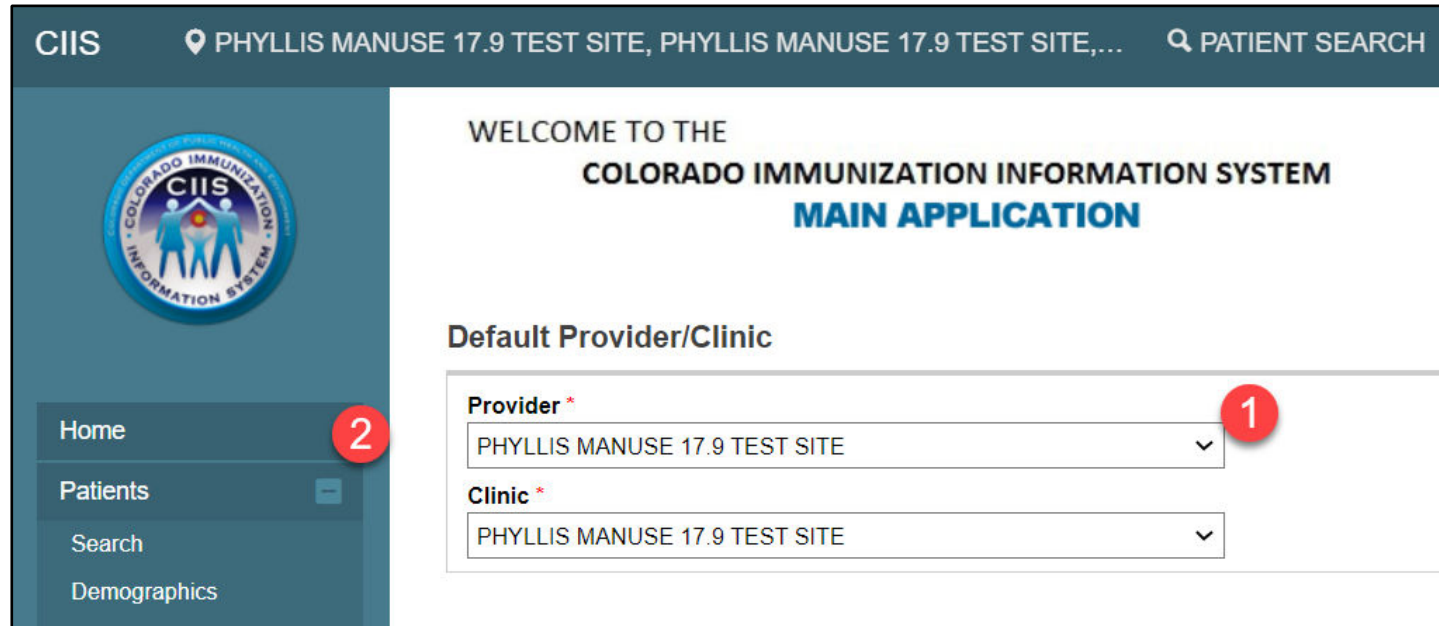
- Demographics
- Immunizations
- Contacts
- Duplicates
- Education
- Events
- Exemptions

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Patient has opted out of the Immunization Program.

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Step 1: Select the Provider/Clinic that you are working at that day
- Step 2: Click the Patient module and select Search. Enter the patient's information to search for their CIIS record
 - Note: Please initially search for your patient using a combination of the first two letters of the first or last name and the date of birth. Please try a few different search methods to look for the patient before determining they are not in CIIS



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WELCOME TO THE
COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
MAIN APPLICATION

Default Provider/Clinic

Provider * 1
PHYLLIS MANUSE 17.9 TEST SITE

Clinic *
PHYLLIS MANUSE 17.9 TEST SITE

Home 2
Patients
Search
Demographics

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Step 3: After finding the patient's record in CIIS, click on the drop-down arrow under the Action column and select Exemptions
 - Note: If a patient had existing processed exemptions, the flag icon will display on their patient record

Patient Search [Learn More](#) [Links](#)

Last Name: TEST First Name: MARION Middle Name: DOB: MM/DD/YYYY Gender:

[Previous Criteria](#) [Clear](#) [Search](#)

Search Results - 1 record(s)

ID	Name	Insurance	Gender	DOB	Action
3943137	TEST, MARION 733 QUITMAN ST DENVER, CO 80204		F	12/30/2015	<div>Demographics</div>

You may add a new patient by clicking the 'New Patient' button. [New Patient](#)

Demographics

Immunizations

Contacts

Duplicates

Events

Exemptions

Local IDs


Notes

Precautions / Contraindications

Programs

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Step 4: Click on the blue Add Exemption button



TEST, MARION ID: 3943137 DOB: 12/30/2015 AGE: 5Y 0M 0D GENDER: F

Exemptions ⓘ Add Exemption

View

⚠ No records found

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Step 5: Select the Exemption Reason from the drop-down list

TEST, MARION ID: 3943137 DOB: 12/30/2015 AGE: 5Y 0M 0D GENDER: F

Add/Edit Exemptions ⓘ

Cancel Create

Add

Exemption Reason * Begin Date * End Date

MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY

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MEDICAL
NON-MEDICAL EXEMPTION

Available

CHOLERA
COVID-19
H1N1
HEPA
HEPB
HIB
HPV
INFLUENZA
JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
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Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Note: If you select a Medical Exemption, you will be asked to enter a Precaution/Contraindication
- Note: Only Nonmedical Exemptions require an End Date. Medical Exemptions do **not** require an End Date

TEST, MARION ID: 3943137 DOB: 12/30/2015 AGE: 5Y 0M 0D GENDER: F

Add/Edit Exemptions ⓘ Cancel Create

Add

Exemption Reason *
MEDICAL

Begin Date * 12/30/2020 End Date MM/DD/YYYY

Precautions / Contraindications *

Vaccine Groups

Available

- INFLUENZA
- JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
- MENINGOCOCCAL
- MENINGOCOCCAL B
- OTHER
- PNEUMO
- POLIO
- RABIES
- ROTA
- TB
- TETANUS CONTAINING
- TRAVEL

Selected

- MMR/MEASLES

If you select the *Medical Exemption Reason*, then the system will display the *Precautions/Contraindications (P/C)*, drop-down menu. Click on the arrow to select the appropriate P/C. Next, click *Create* to save the exemption(s) to the patient's record.

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS

- Step 6: Choose a Begin Date for the exemption
 - Note: Only Nonmedical Exemptions require an End Date. The End Date for Nonmedical Exemptions should be the upcoming June 30th
- Step 7: Select the vaccines(s) the patient is receiving an exemption for
- Step 8: Click Create

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Add/Edit Exemptions Cancel Create

Add

Exemption Reason * NON-MEDICAL EXEMPTION **Begin Date *** 12/30/2020 **End Date *** 06/30/2021

Vaccine Groups

Available



- MENINGOCOCCAL
- MENINGOCOCCAL B
- OTHER
- PNEUMO
- POLIO
- RABIES
- ROTA
- TB
- TETANUS CONTAINING
- TRAVEL
- TYPHOID

Selected

- MMR/MEASLES

Process Overview: Adding Exemptions in CIIS


- Once processed, this is what the Exemptions screen will display
- You can see the flag icon along the patient information header after the exemption has been created

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Exemptions

Add Exemption

View

Vaccine Group	Exemption Reason	Precautions / Contraindications	Begin Date	End Date	Status	
MMR/Measles	Non-Medical Exemption		12/30/2020	06/30/2021	ACTIVE	 <div>View</div>

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Resources

- [SB163 Toolkit for school/childcare/university staff](#)
 - [Guidance for reviewing the validity of Certificates of Nonmedical Exemptions](#)
 - [Sample parent/guardian letter](#)
 - [Technical guidance and troubleshooting for the online education module](#)
 - [Guidance for healthcare providers on entering exemptions into CIIS](#)
- [CDPHE's Vaccine Exemption web page](#)
 - The web page includes links to the online education module, technical guidance and troubleshooting document, Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption that can be signed by a healthcare provider

Senate Bill 20-163 Implementation Toolkit:

Guidance for Primary Care Providers in Implementing Colorado's New School Immunization Law



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- modifiable templates,
- vaccine safety discussion points,
- best practices regarding the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), and
- official Certificates of Medical and Nonmedical Exemption.



II. Colorado's New School Entry Immunization Law - What's Changing?

1) Parents and caregivers will still be able to choose a nonmedical exemption for their child but will now be **required to demonstrate "equal effort"** compared to parents who immunize according to the recommended schedule. Non-immunizing parents or caregivers will do this by either:

- Obtaining an immunizing provider's signature on a state-developed Certificate of nonmedical exemption OR
- Completing an online vaccination education module.

2) **All immunizing providers are required to report immunization and exemption data to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS).** Learn more about enrolling your individual clinic or medical group in CIIS at <https://cdphe.stg.colorado.gov/ciis-health-care-provider-users>.

NOTE: Parents and caregivers retain the right to opt their child out of CIIS. Healthcare providers are not responsible for excluding patients from CIIS, but rather the caregiver or patient must complete and submit the CIIS Opt Out Form to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

3) **Certificates of nonmedical exemption have changed and are now required for those claiming a nonmedical exemption.** They have been standardized to include the collection of information necessary in the

4) Immunizing providers can find an overview of the process, the new Certificates of nonmedical and medical exemption in multiple languages, and the new online immunization education module on the CDPHE [website](#).



III. Colorado's New School Immunization Entry Law – Frequently Asked Questions

? Who is considered an immunizing provider?

An immunizing provider is a Physician (MD, DO), Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), Physician Assistant (PA), or Pharmacist* (authorized pursuant to section [12-240-107 \(6\), C.R.S.](#)). To be eligible to sign the Certificate of nonmedical exemption, it must be within your scope of practice to vaccinate the child for which the exemption is sought. In other words, if you could not vaccinate the child seeking the exemption, you cannot sign the Certificate of nonmedical exemption.

**Please note:* Pharmacists may not sign a Certificate of medical exemption. Pharmacists may sign a Certificate of nonmedical exemption.

IV. Connecting with Families – Sample Templates for You to Customize and Use



a) Template Letter to Families



b) Sample Phone Script



c) Sample Text Messages



d) Sample Social Media Posts



e) Sample Letter to the Editor

V. Information from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

a) Parent/Guardian Letter

b) Certificates of Nonmedical Exemption (May 2021)

c) Additional Resources from CDPHE

Best Practices from Dr. Parra and Littler

Implementation Resources

- **Provider Toolkit:**
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Zlkp3sV4UtfhsLI4wFhJ4QWynnvR2klK?usp=sharing>
- **Fact Sheet:** https://www.immunizecolorado.org/uploads/SB-163-FAQ_Final.pdf
- **Webinar:** This recording will be available at
<https://www.immunizecolorado.org/news-and-events/archived-events>
- **More to come for**
 - Pharmacists
 - Policymakers
 - Childcare administrators

Q&A Session

Please put your
questions in the chat!



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