

Hello Lotus Families,

It is that time of year again to renew your nonmedical vaccine exemption for your student

While a medical exemption for those children who cannot be vaccinated and a nonmedical exemption for those who choose not to vaccinate remains an option for Colorado families, the new law makes the following changes:

- Parents and caregivers claiming a medical exemption from vaccination for their child must have a completed certificate of medical exemption with the signature of a healthcare provider. Medical exemptions only need to be submitted once, unless the student's information or school changes.
- If a parent or caregiver chooses not to have their child vaccinated, they may claim a nonmedical exemption in one of two ways:
 - Submit the official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption with the signature of an immunizing provider (such as a medical doctor, advanced practice nurse, pharmacist, etc.) OR
 - Submit the official Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption received upon completion of CDPHE's Online Immunization Education Module.
<https://www.dcpapps.dphe.state.co.us/storyline360/story.html>

Note: Nonmedical exemptions for school-aged children must be submitted annually and expire on June 30th of each year.

- If a student exempts from one or more school-required vaccines for either medical or nonmedical reasons, the appropriate exemption form, as described above, must be on file with their school. The certificate was standardized to include the collection of information necessary in the event of a disease outbreak in our community.
- All immunizing health care providers are required to report both immunizations and exemptions to the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Parents and caregivers retain the right to opt their child out of CIIS.

Please call me to discuss vaccines and which immunizations are required for school entry for the upcoming school year. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. 303-360-0052 X146

Sincerely,
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