



Technical Bulletin



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Topic: New Vaccination Requirement and Immunization Exemption Requirement for Nevada Public, Private Schools, and Charter Schools
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To: Immunization Providers, School Nurses, County Health Officers, Department of Education, School District Administrators, Boards of Trustees of School Districts, Charter School Officials, and Private School Officials

Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (**NAC**) **392.105** and **394.250** were adopted by the State Board of Health on December 10, 2020 and adopted by the Legislative Commission on January 5, 2021.

Pursuant to NAC 392.105 and 394.025 the following regulation amendments now apply within Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 392 and 394 and will be required as of the 2022-2023 school year:

1. A student enrolling in twelfth (12th) grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school after June 30, 2022 must receive an immunization against *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis) in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). The student must receive at least one dose of MCV4 on or after age 16 years.
2. This new requirement **does not apply** to students enrolled in a Nevada public, private, or charter school before July 1st, 2009.

All students enrolling into kindergarten, 7th grade, 12th grade, or those who are new to a Nevada school district for any grade must be fully vaccinated per the regulations set by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, as illustrated in the following table on page 2. The newly required MCV4 vaccination has been highlighted. Students must be fully vaccinated **prior to** being enrolled into school.

Conditional enrollment is only permitted when a student would need multiple visits to a healthcare provider to achieve compliant status. If all needed doses can be administered at one appointment, then the student **cannot enroll** in school until they are vaccine compliant. As a reminder, only medical and religious exemptions are permitted per [NRS 392.437-439](#) and [394.193-194](#).

Further amendments to NAC **Chapters 392 and 394** were adopted by the State Board of Health on December 10, 2020 and adopted by the Legislative Commission on January 5, 2021. **As noted below, the new immunization exemption requirements and allowances will go into effect beginning with the 2021-22 school year.**

1. A student requesting an immunization exemption due to medical conditions or religious beliefs must:
 - a. Submit a written statement on a form provided by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
 - b. Those requesting religious exemptions must submit the above-mentioned State Immunization Exemption Form annually to the board of trustees of a school district or

governing body of a charter school, according to the annual enrollment schedule of the school district, private school, or charter school.

2. A local health officer may conduct an audit of the medical exemptions granted by a public school, private school, or charter school, respectively, in certain circumstances.

The forms on which to report medical and religious exemptions to public, private and charter schools may be found here:

https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/.

The exact language of the new vaccination requirement and immunization exemption requirement may be found at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2020Register/R046-20AP.pdf>

NV WebIZ is the statewide immunization information system used in Nevada; it can assist an authorized user in determining if a student is compliant with Nevada’s immunization requirements. Authorized users can access the system online, https://webiz.nv.gov/webiznet_nv/Login.aspx. School officials interested in NV WebIZ access may contact the Help Desk at (775) 684-5954 or by e-mailing izit@health.nv.gov.

Nevada School-Required Vaccination Schedule									
Required Vaccines	2 mo. of age	4 mo. of age	6 mo. of age	12-15 mo. of age	18-24 mo. of age	4-6 yrs. of age	11-12 yrs. of age	16 yrs. of age	Total Doses Required PRIOR to School Entry
DTP, DT, DTaP	1	2	3	4		5*			4 or 5 *If dose #4 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #5 is not needed
Polio (IPV)	1	2	3			4*			3 or 4 *If dose #3 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #4 is not needed.
MMR				1		2			2 (doses must be at least 4 weeks apart)
Hepatitis B	1	2	3						
Varicella				1		2			2
Hepatitis A				1	2				2 (doses must be at least 6 months apart)
Tdap							1		1
MCV4							1	2*	1 or 2 *If dose 1 is administered on or after 16 th birthday, no further doses required.

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin [website](#) and Nevada’s health response [website](#) regularly. If you have other questions regarding school vaccination requirements, please email nviz@health.nv.gov with questions.



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Enclosed:

- School_Medical Immunization Exemption Form.pdf
- School_Religious Immunization Exemption Form.pdf