

**Dear Kindergarten Parent(s)/Guardian**

**School Year 2022-2023**

We know the value of a “good start” to school! Here is some information to help us ensure a wonderful beginning to your child’s education.

### **Immunizations**

You must bring your child’s immunization record to registration, even if it is incomplete. Prior to the first day of school, the completed record must be brought or faxed to O’Dea Elementary School.

The state requirements for kindergarten entrance are as follows:

- 5 DTaP/ Td/DTP – diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (4 is acceptable if 4th dose is given after 4th birthday)
- 4 IPV/OPV – polio (3 is acceptable if 3rd given after 4th birthday)
- 3 shot series for Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR – measles, mumps, rubella
- 2 Varicella – chicken pox OR history of chicken pox confirmed by doctor or lab test
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Colorado law ([Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2](#)) requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed childcares to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.

### **Exemptions**

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the process of filing a nonmedical exemption changed. There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption. **Be sure to check with your student’s school or childcare to find out if it needs a copy of the certificate of exemption.**

- File the certificate of nonmedical exemption WITH a signature from an immunizing provider OR
- File the certificate of nonmedical exemption received upon the completion of our online education module.
- The Immunization Education Module will be available mid-January 2021.
- Parents of students in grades K-12 claiming a nonmedical exemption must file one annually. Nonmedical exemptions expire June 30 each year. If you submit a nonmedical exemption on or before June 30, it will not be valid for the upcoming school year unless you signed the exemption during early registration.

### **Downloadable Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption:**

[English](#) | [Spanish](#) (Español) | [Vietnamese](#) (Tiếng Việt) | [Arabic](#) (عربي) | [Korean](#) (한국어) | [Chinese](#) (中文) | [Russian](#) (русский) | [Somali](#) (Soomaali)

**To submit forms to us (optional):**

Confidential Fax:

(303) 758-3640

Attn: Vaccine Exemption

Mail:

Colorado Immunization Branch

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4300 Cherry Creek Drive South

Denver, CO 80246

- [Colorado Immunization Information System](#)
- [Contact](#)

**Health concerns**

Your child is unique. Please give us the details that will help us be of assistance to your child at school. If he/she has a health concern, contact your school nurse or health technician.

Information you provide will be reviewed by the school nurse and a Health Care Plan may be developed.

**Medication at School**

All medication given at school, whether doctor prescribed or over the counter, must be accompanied by the PSD Authorization to Administration Medicine form (available on the PSD website under the Parent tab, Health Services), signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician. Medication must be provided and brought to school by a parent, in the original prescription bottle or over the counter container. Pharmacists may provide you with two bottles if you ask them to label one for school use. If medication changes or medication is discontinued during the school year, please have the child's doctor fax us the new or correct orders.

Authorization for medication administration MUST BE COMPLETED YEARLY and health care plans updated annually.

**Phone Numbers**

It is important that we have your home and work phone numbers, as well as emergency contact(s) and phone numbers(s). Should your child become ill or hurt while at school, we MUST be able to reach you. If changes occur during the school year, please notify the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions or need additional information, please call.

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