



IMMUNIZATION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON – Catholic Schools (MD)

ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND MUST READ THIS FORM, SIGN BELOW, AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH THE MSDE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE (ADAPTED FOR USE BY ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOLS).

To All Parents of Students in Archdiocesan Catholic Schools in Maryland

It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Washington that all students attending schools in the archdiocese (PreK, K-12, and extended care programs) must be fully immunized in accordance with the immunization requirements against contagious diseases published by the local department of health. Exemptions are provided on a temporary basis for those applicants with a physician-documented medical reason.

Immunization in accordance with the Archdiocese of Washington's policy is a condition for admission into all archdiocesan Catholic schools. To be admitted to attend classes, there must be two forms related to immunization on file at your child's school by the first day of school, and they are:

1. THIS FORM, completed and signed; and
2. Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care Health Inventory & Immunization Certificate, (adapted for use by Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Schools in Maryland) signed by a medical provider and parents.

Acknowledgment

To All Parents/Guardians: Please provide the following information and sign below to acknowledge that you understand and agree to this policy.

Child's Name: _____
Last First M.I. (Jr., III)

School: _____ Sex: Date of Birth: _____
Male Female mm/dd/yyyy

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: () _____

Home Address:

Street Address Suite #

City State ZIP Code

I have read and understand the Archdiocese of Washington's Immunization policy listed above:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign mm/dd/yyyy

PART II - CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT

To be completed **ONLY** by Health Care Provider

Child's Name: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Last First Middle </div>	Birth Date: <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Month / Day / Year </div>	Sex M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
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- 1.** Does the child named above have a diagnosed medical, developmental, behavioral or any other health condition?
 No Yes, describe:
- 2.** Does the child receive care from a Health Care Specialist/Consultant?
 No Yes, describe
- 3.** Does the child have a health condition which may require EMERGENCY ACTION while he/she is in child care? (e.g., seizure, allergy, asthma, bleeding problem, diabetes, heart problem, or other problem) If yes, please DESCRIBE and describe emergency action(s) on the emergency card.
 No Yes, describe:

4. Health Assessment Findings

Physical Exam	WNL	ABNL	Not Evaluated	Health Area of Concern	NO	YES	DESCRIBE
Head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eyes		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ears/Nose/Throat		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dental/Mouth		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Autism Spectrum Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Respiratory		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bleeding Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cardiac		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes Mellitus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gastrointestinal		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eczema/Skin issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Genitourinary		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Feeding Device/Tube	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Musculoskeletal/orthopedic		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lead Exposure/Elevated Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neurological		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobility Device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Endocrine		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrition/Modified Diet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical illness/impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Psychosocial		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respiratory Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vision		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seizures/Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Speech/Language		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sensory Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hematology		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Developmental Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Developmental Milestones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:			

REMARKS: (Please explain any abnormal findings.)

5. Measurements	Date	Results/Remarks
Tuberculosis Screening/Test, if indicated		
Blood Pressure		
Height		
Weight		
BMI % tile		
Developmental Screening		

6. Is the child on medication?
 No Yes, indicate medication and diagnosis:
Medication Authorization Form must be completed to administer medication in child care).

7. Should there be any restriction of physical activity in child care?
 No Yes, specify nature and duration of restriction:

8. Are there any dietary restrictions?
 No Yes, specify nature and duration of restriction:

9. RECORD OF IMMUNIZATIONS – MDH 896 or other official immunization document (e.g. military immunization record of immunizations) is required to be completed by a health care provider or a computer generated immunization record must be provided.

10. RECORD OF LEAD TESTING - MDH 4620 or other official document is required to be completed by a health care provider.

Under Maryland law, all children younger than 6 years old who are enrolled in child care must receive a blood lead test at 12 months and 24 months of age. Two tests are required if the 1st test was done prior to 24 months of age. If a child is enrolled in child care during the period between the 1st and 2nd tests, his/her parents are required to provide evidence from their health care provider that the child received a second test after the 24 month well child visit. If the 1st test is done after 24 months of age, one test is required.

Additional Comments: _____

Health Care Provider Name (Type or Print):	Phone Number:	Health Care Provider Signature:	Date:
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE



STUDENT/SELF NAME: _____
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STUDENT/SELF ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

SEX: MALE FEMALE BIRTH DATE: ____/____/____

COUNTY: _____ SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

FOR MINORS UNDER 18:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

#	DTP-DTaP-DT Mo/Day/Yr	Polio Mo/Day/Yr	Hib Mo/Day/Yr	Hep B Mo/Day/Yr	PCV Mo/Day/Yr	Rotavirus Mo/Day/Yr	MCV Mo/Day/Yr	HPV Mo/Day/Yr	Hep A Mo/Day/Yr	MMR Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Mo/Day/Yr	Varicella Disease Mo / Yr	COVID-19 Mo/Day/Yr	
1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1	DOSE #1		DOSE #1	DOSE #6
2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2	DOSE #2		DOSE #2	DOSE #7
3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	DOSE #3	Td Mo/Day/Yr	Tdap Mo/Day/Yr	MenB Mo/Day/Yr	Other Mo/Day/Yr	DOSE #3	DOSE #8
4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4	DOSE #4				DOSE #4					DOSE #9	
5	DOSE #5			DOSE #5				DOSE #5					DOSE #10	

To the best of my knowledge, the vaccines listed above were administered as indicated.

Clinic / Office Name
Office Address/ Phone Number

- _____
Signature Title Date
(Medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider only)
- _____
Signature Title Date
- _____
Signature Title Date

Lines 2 and 3 are for certification of vaccines given after the initial signature.

COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTION BELOW IF THE CHILD IS EXEMPT FROM VACCINATION ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. ANY VACCINATION(S) THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SHOULD BE ENTERED ABOVE.

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION:

Please check the appropriate box to describe the medical contraindication.

This is a: Permanent condition OR Temporary condition until ____/____/____
Date

The above child has a valid medical contraindication to being vaccinated at this time. Please indicate which vaccine(s) and the reason for the contraindication, _____

Signed: _____ Date _____
Medical Provider / LHD Official

*Adapted from MDH Form 896
(Formally DHMH 896) Rev. 07/24*

How To Use This Form



The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates (using month/day/year) directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing the signature section. Combination vaccines should be listed individually, by each component of the vaccine. A different medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or child care service.

Only a medical provider, local health department official, school official, or child care provider may sign ‘Record of Immunization’ section of this form. This form may not be altered, changed, or modified in any way.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for all vaccines except **varicella, measles, mumps, or rubella**.
2. Reconstructed dates for all vaccines must be reviewed and approved by a medical provider or local health department no later than 20 calendar days following the date the student was temporarily admitted or retained.
3. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of immunity against diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis (DTP/DTaP/Tdap/DT/Td).
4. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but **revaccination may be more expedient**.
5. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except varicella.

Immunization Requirements

The following excerpt from the MDH Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03 applies to schools:

“A preschool or school principal or other person in charge of a preschool or school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to or retain a student in a:

- (1) Preschool program unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against Haemophilus influenzae, type b, and pneumococcal disease;
- (2) Preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and
- (3) Preschool program or kindergarten through the 12th grade unless the student's parent or guardian has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against: (a) Tetanus; (b) Diphtheria; (c) Poliomyelitis; (d) Measles (rubeola); (e) Mumps; (f) Rubella; (g) Hepatitis B; (h) Varicella; (i) Meningitis; and (j) Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis acquired through a Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.”

Please refer to the “**Minimum Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-school Programs and in Schools**” to determine age-appropriate immunity for preschool through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and MDH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

Age-appropriate immunization requirements for licensed childcare centers and family day care homes are based on the Department of Human Resources COMAR 13A.15.03.02 and COMAR 13A.16.03.04 G & H and the “**Age-Appropriate Immunizations Requirements for Children Enrolled in Child Care Programs**” guideline chart are available at www.health.maryland.gov. (Choose Immunization in the A-Z Index)

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➔ **A health care provider may provide the parent/guardian with a copy of the child's blood lead testing results from ImmuNet as an alternative to completing this form (COMAR 10.11.04.05(B)).**

Maryland requires all children to be tested at the 12 and 24 month well-child visits (at 12-14 and 24-26 months old respectively), and both test results should be included on this form (see COMAR 10.11.04). If the test at the 12-month visit was missed, then the results of the test after 24 months of age is sufficient. A child who was not tested at 12 or 24 months should be tested as early as possible.

A parent/guardian and a child's health care provider should complete this form when enrolling a child in child care, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or first grade. Completed forms should be submitted by the parent/guardian to the Administrator of a licensed child care, public pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, or first grade program prior to entry. The child's health care provider may record the test dates and results directly on this form and certify them by signing or stamping the signature sections. A school health professional or designee may transcribe onto this form and certify test dates from any other record that has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, or school. All forms are kept on file with the child's school health record.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who should be tested for lead?

All children in Maryland should be tested for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age.

2. What is the blood lead reference value, and how is it interpreted?

Maryland follows the [CDC blood lead reference value](#), which is 3.5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL). However, there is no safe level of lead in children.

3. If a capillary test (finger prick or heel prick) shows elevated blood lead levels, is a confirmatory test required?

Yes, if a capillary test shows a blood lead level of ≥ 3.5 µg/dL, a confirmatory venous sample (blood from a vein) is needed. The higher the blood lead level is on the initial capillary test, the more urgent it is to get a confirmatory venous sample. See [Table 1](#) (CDC) for the recommended schedule.

4. What kind of follow-up or case management is required if a child has a blood lead level above the CDC blood lead reference value?

Providers should refer to the CDC's Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Level (<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/acclpp/actions-blls.htm>).

5. What programs or resources are available to families with a child with lead exposure?

Maryland and local jurisdictions have programs for families with a child exposed to lead:

- Maryland Home Visiting Services for Children with Lead Poisoning
- Maryland Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids – no-cost program to remove lead from homes

For more information about these and other programs, call the Environmental Health Helpline at (866) 703-3266 or visit: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/EH/Pages/Lead.aspx>.

Maryland Department of the Environment Center for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/index.aspx>

Families can also contact the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health & the Environment Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit – Villanova University, Washington, DC.

Phone: (610) 519-3478 or Toll Free: (833) 362-2243

Website: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/nursing/macche.html>