

## Changes in Immunization Rules

### **R9-6-701. Definitions**

- Removes definitions that are not used in the rules or are unnecessary:
  - Administration of vaccine
  - AHCCCS
  - ASIIS
  - Catch up immunization schedule
  - CDC
  - Contact person
  - Head Start program
  - Immunization registry administrator
  - Imported
  - IRMS number
  - KidsCare
  - Local health officer
  - MV
  - Provider (health care provider, define in R9-6-101, is used)
  - Responsible person
  - Route of administration
  - Suspect case
  - Temporary (dictionary definition)
  - Underinsured
  - VFC
  - VFC PIN number
  - WIC (federal Women, Infants, and Children Program is used)
  - WIC administrator
- Removes definitions defined in A.R.S. § 36-671 or in R9-6-101, which applies to the whole Chapter:
  - Case
  - Communicable period
  - Immunization
  - Laboratory evidence of immunity
  - Local health agency
  - Outbreak
  - School
  - School administrator
  - Vaccine
- Removes definitions used in only one place in the rules, at which location the term is defined/described:
  - Charter school
  - DTaP
  - DTP

- Hep A
- Hep B
- Hib
- Kindergarten
- Medical services
- MMR
- Polio
- Practical nurse
- Private school
- Public school
- Registered nurse
- Td
- Tdap
- VAR
- Revises definitions to make them clearer and easier to understand:
  - Enroll
  - Immunization registry
  - Medical exemption
- Adds definitions to clarify the use of the term:
  - Nurse
  - Parent

**R9-6-702. Required Immunizations for Child Care or School Entry**

- Keeps the list of required immunizations unchanged
- Removes obsolete phase-in requirements
- Moves requirements for exclusion into R9-6-705
- Moves requirements for vaccine shortages into R9-6-705

**Table 7.1. Immunization Requirements for Child Care or School Entry**

- Adds two tables (Table 7.1A for child care attendance and Table 7.1B for school attendance), replacing Table 1
- Simplifies the presentation of requirements
- Clarifies immunization requirements, especially for the poliomyelitis vaccines
- Moves the requirement for the third dose of the poliomyelitis vaccine from 6 months to 12 months of age
- Leaves the timeframes for doses of other vaccines unchanged
- Allows different requirements for a child receiving the adolescent series using the Merck Recombivax HB Adult Formulation of Hepatitis B vaccine

**Table 7.2. Immunization Schedule for a Child Who Has Not Completed the Vaccine Series**

- Adds Table 7.2, replacing Table 2 (Catch-up Schedule)1A for child care attendance and Table 7.1B for school attendance) that simplify the presentation of requirements
- Simplifies the presentation of requirements
- Clarifies immunization requirements
- Leaves the timeframes for doses of vaccines unchanged
- Allows different requirements for a child receiving the adolescent series using the Merck Recombivax HB Adult Formulation of Hepatitis B vaccine

**R9-6-703. Responsibilities of Individuals and Local Health Agencies for Administering Vaccines**

- Uses the more recognized term “parent” rather than “responsible person”
- Clarifies requirements
- Adds the ability to administer according to CDC requirements, consistent with standard medical practices
- Allows for “documentation” rather than a “statement signed” to better allow for electronic records

**R9-6-704. Standards for Documentary Proof of Immunity**

- More clearly specifies what constitutes documentary proof of immunization from what constitutes documentary proof of immunity
- Removes obsolete phase-in requirements
- Removes requirements for including the grade of a child’s enrollment and the child’s gender on documentation from an Arizona school, but adds the name and address of the school and the name and signature of the individual providing the documentation
- Allows for “documentation” rather than “Arizona school immunization record” to better allow for electronic records
- Removes specific references to an “electronic version” of records as unnecessary
- Adds a printout from an immunization registry as an option
- Clarifies requirements for documentary proof of immunity

**R9-6-705. Responsibilities of Administrators of Schools, Child Care Administrators, and the Department**

- Clarifies requirements for administrators of schools
- Clarifies requirements for child care administrators
- Adds requirements for exclusion, moved from R9-6-702
- Specifies that a pharmacist may be able to review the child’s immunization history and administer needed immunizations
- Adds requirements for vaccine shortages, moved from R9-6-702
- Adds that the Department shall inform a child care or school of the expected end of a vaccine shortage, if known

**R9-6-706. Exemptions from Immunizations**

- Removes obsolete phase-in requirements
- Clarifies requirements for exemptions for personal beliefs for schools, including the requirement for it to be in a Department-provided format to allow for electronic forms in the future
- Clarifies requirements for exemptions for religious beliefs for child cares, including the requirement for it to be in a Department-provided format to allow for electronic forms in the future
- Clarifies requirements for exemptions for medical conditions, including the requirement for it to be in a Department-provided format to allow for electronic forms in the future
- Clarifies requirements for exemptions for documented immunity, including the requirement for it to be in a Department-provided format to allow for electronic forms in the future
- Specifies the date by which a school or child care must inform the parent of a child with a temporary medical exemption of when immunizations must be completed

**R9-6-707. Reporting Requirements**

- Clarifies and consolidates reporting requirements
- Updates requirements since the reports are no longer being sent to local health agencies
- Adds requirements to provide the mailing address of the school or child care, if different from the physical address, and for the date of the report
- Removes the requirement for providing a fax number
- Removes the requirement for listing each grade taught in the school
- Removes subsection (B) as unnecessary, due to the adoption of R9-6-102
- Removes subsection (C) as unnecessary, because affected schools would be under a separate agreement with the Department of a local health agency
- Removes requirements for a child care report to include “whether the children are in child care” and “whether the children are in a Head Start program”
- Reduces the number of children being reported by child care by requiring reports only on children 18 months old or older and not attending school, instead of all children less than five years of age
- Removes subsections (F), (G), and (H) as unnecessary in these rules

**Table 1. Immunization Requirements for Child Care or School Entry Repealed**

Repeals this Table and replaces the Table with Table 7.1

**Table 2. Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Child Care or School Entry Repealed**

Repeals this Table and replaces the Table with Table 7.2

**R9-6-708. Release of Immunization Information**

Clarifies requirements