

Immunization Requirements for Attending School in the State of Alabama

Alabama Schools must ensure that each pupil presents a valid Certificate of Immunization as required by the Code of Alabama, 16-30-4. A child's **entry and attendance** in school is conditioned upon the presentation of a current and valid **Alabama Certificate of Immunization** unless a recognized exception applies. Exceptions include *Medical* and *Religious Exemptions*, and exemptions for those deemed Homeless under Federal Law. **Students may register/enroll, but must not attend school until the requirement is met.**

- ❖ Medical Exemption- Issued by the child's Primary Care Physician or Specialty Physician
- ❖ Religious Exemption-Issued by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Contact them for further information
- ❖ Homeless under Federal Law- consult Lisa Yancey with Student Services, Hoover City Schools

How to obtain an Alabama Certificate of Immunization

1. IF YOUR IMMUNIZATION STATUS IS UP TO DATE according to Alabama State requirements, meaning no immunization is required at present: A branch location of the Jefferson or Shelby County Public Health Department will transfer your immunization dates for ALL students onto a State of Alabama Certificate of Immunization form at NO CHARGE. No appointment necessary. First come, first served. See hours of operation below. Please contact them for more information. You must provide Proof of Identity (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Medicaid or Medicare Card, Employee/School Identification Badge, Social Security Card) and your Immunization Record/Information

2. IF YOUR IMMUNIZATION STATUS IS NOT UP TO DATE:

➤ You may choose to visit a Department of Public Health location. Details below. You may also choose to visit a local Walk-In Health Clinic or contact a Physician's office for appointment. Fees are determined by the facility. Immunization availability may vary. Contact them for more information.

➤ **Students with Medicaid/Uninsured/American -Indian/Alaskan Native-** the Shelby County Department of Public Health will arrange an appointment for you to receive the required immunizations and issue an Alabama Certificate of Immunization. If time permits you may be immunized at the time of your walk in visit. A fee of \$5 per immunization will be charged to Uninsured students. You must provide Proof of Identity (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Medicaid or Medicare Card, Employee/School Identification Badge, Social Security Card) and your Immunization Record/Information. Contact them for more information. **Shelby County Department of Public Health Hours of operation Monday-Friday**

8:00am-10:00am OR 1:00pm -3:00pm

Shelby County Health Department

2000 County Services Drive

P.O. Box 846

Pelham, Alabama 35124

205.664.2470

➤ **Students with Medicare/Medicaid/Uninsured/All Kids/BCBS/United Health Care** - A branch location of the Jefferson County Department of Public Health will provide required immunizations and an Alabama Certificate of Immunization. No appointment necessary. Walk-ins welcome. A fee of \$8 per immunization will be charged to Uninsured students. You must provide **Proof of Identity** (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Medicaid or Medicare Card, Employee/School Identification Badge, Social Security Card) and your Immunization Record/Information. Contact them for more information.

Jefferson County Department of Public Health Hours of Operation are Monday-Friday 7:45am-3:30pm.

They close daily for lunch 11:30am-12:30pm.

Morris Health Center
586 Morris Majestic Road
Morris, AL 35116
205.933.4242

Eastern Health Center
601 West Boulevard Roebuck
Birmingham, AL 35206
205.591.5180

Central Health Center
1400 Sixth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233
205.930.1135

Western Health Center
631 Bessemer Super Highway
Midfield, AL 35228
205.715.6121