



## HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The State of Hawaii requires that all students provide a report of physical examination, a certificate of tuberculosis examination (TB) and a record of immunizations before first attending school. All medical information must be submitted in English.

### **Tuberculosis (TB) Examination**

1. A valid Mantoux tuberculin skin test is required before admission into school. This requirement cannot be deferred or postponed. A student without a valid TB certificate will not be allowed to attend school.
2. The examination must have been given within 12 months before the date of first entry into a school in the State of Hawaii. If your TB test is positive, you must submit chest x-ray test results.
3. The certificate of TB examination must be issued by the Hawaii Department of Health or a U.S. licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Physician Assistant (PA). The certificate must include the following:
  - a. The dates of administration and reading of the Mantoux skin test (PPD)
  - b. The transverse diameter of induration in millimeters
  - c. The signature or stamp of the MD, DO, APRN, PA or clinic.
4. IF the diameter of induration is 10mm or greater, a chest x-ray is also required as part of the TB examination. Written documentation of a negative chest x-ray must be provided prior to first attendance at school in Hawaii.
5. **There is NO provisional attendance for students lacking the certificate of TB examination.**

### **Physical Examination**

Each student must have a physical examination within 12 months before first attending school in Hawaii. The exam must be performed and signed by a U.S. licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Physician Assistant (PA).

### **Immunizations**

1. A record of immunizations received since birth, signed or stamped by an MD, DO, APRN, PA or clinic, must be presented for school attendance. This record must include complete dates (month/day/year) for each immunization. An immunization with only the month and year may be accepted if it can be determined that the immunization met the minimum age and interval requirements.
2. If vaccines are incomplete, provisional admittance is permissible for 90 days if the student can show that they have an appointment to complete their immunizations.
3. The required vaccinations are as follows:
  - a. Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus**
    - i 5 doses required
    - ii If the student was not immunized until 1 year of age, 4 doses are required.
    - iii Students who received their fourth dose on or after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday are not required to receive a fifth dose.
    - iv Children not immunized until 7 years of age or older require three doses of adult tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose must be at least 4 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup>, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be at least 6 months from the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
  - b. Polio Vaccine (IPV-Inactivated Polio vaccine; OPV-Oral Polio vaccine)**
    - i 4 doses are required
    - ii For students who received only IVP or only OPV, if the third dose of vaccine was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, a fourth dose is not required.

- iii For students who received any combination of IPV and OPV, four doses are required, regardless of the age when the series was initiated or completed.
- c. **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)**
  - i 1<sup>st</sup> dose not before age 12 months (1 year's old)
  - ii 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4 weeks after first dose
- d. **Hepatitis B**
  - i 3 doses required
  - ii Required for entry of all students born after December 31, 1992.
- e. **Varicella**
  - i 2 doses required
  - ii 1 dose required if given BEFORE age 13 years.
  - iii Or proof of chicken pox.

### **Procedure for Provisional Attendance & Exclusion**

1. Students who have not completed the physical examination and/or all required immunizations by the first day of school may be allowed **provisional** attendance **only if** they submit written evidence showing that the student is in the process of completing the missing requirements. **A student who has not submitted a report of physical examination and record of all required immunizations, or a medical appointment card showing the student is in the process of completing the missing requirements will NOT be allowed to attend school.**
2. **There is NO provisional attendance for students lacking the certificate of TB examination.**
3. Missing requirements must be completed within 3 months after the date of first attendance. If the student has not completed the missing requirements by the end of the 3-month period, we will send a dated notice of exclusion letter to the parent/guardian/sponsor, stating that your child will be excluded from school beginning 30 calendar days after the date of the notice. If the missing requirements have not been completed beginning 30 calendar days after the date of the notice, the student shall be excluded from school. This will be considered a Health Suspension. The student may attend school after bringing documentation to the school that the missing requirements have been completed.
4. Provisional attendance may be suspended by the Department of Health when there is a danger of an epidemic from any of the diseases for which immunization is required.

### **Exemptions**

1. A medical exemption may be granted by a U.S. licensed Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) to specific vaccines.
  - a. A physician must state in writing that giving a specific vaccine or vaccines would endanger the student's life or health, and specify the reason based on valid medical contraindications.
  - b. The physician must state the length of time during which the vaccine would endanger the student's life or health.
  - c. The exemption certification must be signed by the physician on the physician's printed stationery.
2. A religious exemption shall be granted if the student's parent or guardian signs a statement certifying that the person's religious beliefs prohibit the practice of immunization.

\* *Information taken from the State of Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11, Department of Health Chapter 157- Examination and Immunization, Exhibit B-Guide to Hawaii Immunization & Examination Requirements for Schools.*