

RULES
OF
THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

CHAPTER 420-6-1
IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS AND CONGREGATED CARE SETTINGS

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420-6-1-.01 Authority. This regulation is promulgated by the State Health Officer and approved by the State Board of Health pursuant to Code of Alabama, 1975, § 16-30-5 and is made applicable to children in child care centers/homes under the authority of Code of Ala, 1975 §38-7-1, *et seq.* and *Alabama Administrative Code*, Chapters 660-5-25 and 660-5-26 and 660-5-27.

Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-5, *et seq.*

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420-6-1-.02 General Provisions.

(1) The board of education and the governing authority of each private school shall require each pupil, prior to entering kindergarten or first grade or prior to re-entering the higher grades of the schools of Alabama, to present a Certificate of Immunization for the prevention of diseases listed in 420-6-1-.03 (Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-4.). The Certificate of Immunization will be on a form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

(2) The Department of Human Resources has required each child two months of age or older attending any child care center/home to present a Certificate of Immunization for the prevention of diseases listed in 420-6-1-.03.

(3) Such certificate shall be on the form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health and shall be made a part of the pupil's school/child's child care center/home record. When a student/child leaves a school/child care center/home upon graduation, transfer, relocation or otherwise; the school or child care center/home may return the original certificate to the student's/child's parents/guardians and retain a legible copy in the institution's record.

(4) A written objection from the parent or guardian of a student or child based on religious tenets and practices shall be submitted in person by the parent or guardian to the County Health Department for issuance of a Certificate of Religious Exemption from the required immunizations or testing. A licensed physician can provide individual exemption from