

## HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**NO STUDENT WILL BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PRESENTING TANGIBLE DOCUMENTATION THAT IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET:**

1. **Florida Certification of Immunization [DH-680](#)**
2. **State of Florida School Entry Health Exam [DH-3040](#)**, including proof of tuberculin screening, reading of the test, and appropriate follow-up

Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their medical provider for information regarding the required school entry vaccines. If parents/guardians are experiencing financial difficulties or if a parent/guardian do not have a private medical provider, they can contact the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Special Immunization Unit at (786) 845-0550 to schedule an appointment to receive **FREE** school entry vaccines. Parents/guardians can also contact “The Children’s Trust” **Helpline at 211** to obtain a list of medical facilities that will provide immunizations at a reduced price.

Exceptions may be made for a period of 30 days for students currently in transition ([Project Up-Start Program](#)), under the Juvenile Justice System and children of Military families.

### **State of Florida School Entry Health Exam. ([DH-3040](#))**

Parents/guardians of **ALL** students are required to present evidence of a health examination performed within twelve (12) months by a medical provider prior to initial entry into a Miami-Dade County Public School. The school health exam **MUST** include a **tuberculosis clinical screening**. If the screening indicates that a follow-up skin test is needed, the student may enroll **ONLY** with a medical provider’s statement that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis and can attend school.

Students transferring from within the state of Florida or within the county are **NOT** required to be re-examined. However, **ALL** students’ initially entering Miami-Dade County Public Schools health screening must include a tuberculosis clinical screening, and evidence of appropriate follow-up if necessary.

The school entry health exam should be completed on the *State of Florida School Entry Health Exam* form (DH-3040). When using this form, parents/guardians must complete page one (1). A health care provider may complete page two (2) or submit their own documentation of the medical information detailed on the form.

### **Florida Certification of Immunization. ([DH-680](#))**

Florida Statue [1003.22](#), states that the Florida Department of Health requires the school board of each district shall require each student prior to admittance, or attendance in a Florida public or private school in PK-12th grade, to present or to have on file a *Florida Certificate of Immunization* (DH-680).

**The following vaccinations are needed for students attending kindergarten through twelfth grade:**

Grade Levels (including retained for the grade)	Immunization Requirements
Kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>Four or five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTap) vaccine</b> The fifth dose of DTap vaccine is not necessary if the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older.</p> <p><b>Three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine</b></p> <p><b>Three, four or five doses of polio (IPV) vaccine</b> If four or more doses are administered before age 4 years, an additional dose should be administered at age 4 through 6 years and at least six months after the previous dose. A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least six months after the previous one.</p> <p><b>Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine</b></p> <p><b>Two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine</b> Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine is not required if the child has a documented history of the varicella (chicken pox) disease.</p>
Seventh grade (7 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine</b></p>

Students enrolling in school for the first time or transferring into Miami-Dade County Public Schools from out-of-state **MUST** present **one** of the following:

1. **Florida Certificate of Immunization Form**  
Complete *Florida Certificate of Immunization* form should be marked only when **ALL** kindergarten or seventh grade immunization requirements are met.
2. **Temporary Medical Exemption**  
Temporary Medical Exemptions should only be marked when a medical provider indicates that the child has received as many immunizations as are medically indicated at this time. An additional *Florida Certificate of Immunization* form **MUST** be presented on or before the expiration date. If the additional certificate is not presented on or before the expiration date, the student must be excluded from school.
3. **Permanent Medical Exemption**  
A Permanent Medical Exemption is provided when a child cannot receive one or more vaccines due to medical reasons. The medical provider **MUST** list the vaccine(s) that are contraindicated on the *Florida Certificate of Immunization* form.
4. **Religious Exemption**  
A request for a religious exemption from immunization requirements is issued **ONLY** by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County for a child who is not immunized because of his/her family's religious tenets or practices.  
The *Religious Exemption From Immunization* form ([DH-681](#)) **MUST** be kept on file at the school to facilitate identification of unimmunized/susceptible children needing exclusion during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

Parents/guardians of students transferring within Miami-Dade County Public Schools do not need to be issued a copy of the immunization documentation. The receiving school can access the immunization information from the Districts Student Information System (DSIS) Student Information Screen (PF3) and then access the Health Information Screen (PF17).

### **Florida SHOTS (State of Florida Immunization Registry)**

Florida SHOTS is a **FREE** statewide centralized, online immunization registry that helps parents, authorized health-care providers, schools and day care centers keep track of immunization records. The registry was designed to assist health care providers by providing the following benefits:

- Easy-to-print forms ([DH-680](#)).
- 24/7 access to immunization tracking software that never needs to be downloaded or upgraded on your computer.
- System-certified electronic records accessible directly to authorized schools, child-care centers, and medical providers.
- Reliable, consolidated immunization histories for new or continuing patients.
- Previously reported contraindications, immunization reminders and recall.

**These forms are not available to the public and must be completed by a Florida Physician or the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County.**

The *State of Florida School Entry Health Exam* ([DH-3040](#)) and the *Florida Certification of Immunization* ([DH-680](#)), **MUST** be attached to the student's *Florida Department of Health Cumulative Health Record* (DH-3041) and filed as part of the Cumulative Record Folder. The *Florida Department of Health Cumulative Health Record* ([DH-3041](#)) may be obtained by contacting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Comprehensive Health Services Department at (305) 805-4600.

### **Health Centers for FREE Vaccines (Must make an appointment at (786) 845-0550)**

#### **Health District Center**

1350 N.W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Miami, FL 33125  
(Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.)

#### **Little Haiti Health Center**

300 NE 80<sup>th</sup> Terrace 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Miami, FL 33138  
(Mon, Wed & Fri. 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.)

#### **West Perrine Health Center**

18255 Homestead Ave., Miami, FL 33157 (Rear)  
(Mon.–Fri. 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.)

**PARENT COMMUNICATION: LETTER OF HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENT ENTRIES:** This letter may be distributed to each parent who is attempting to enroll a child in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the first time, and who does not have the required documents.

**For health, related questions, please contact the Comprehensive Health Services Department (305) 805-4600.**