

SUNSHINE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Sunshine School requires that children attending our school be immunized and does not accept immunization exemptions.

Background and Rationale:

Vaccines are one of the great public health advances of the 20th century, and prevent hundreds of thousands of illnesses in the US every year. Vaccines protect both the person vaccinated and those around them from serious diseases, a concept known as herd immunity. Herd immunity protects other members of the community, such as babies too young to be vaccinated or those who cannot receive immunizations because of a medical condition, such as cancer. We have many families in our school with new babies or toddlers, who because of their age, are not yet immunized or only partially immunized. These children are put at risk when we allow non-immunized children to attend our school.

We firmly believe in the safety of vaccines and that their many benefits far exceed the rare safety risks. Science supports that vaccination may be one of the most important health promoting steps parents can take with their healthcare providers. The vaccine schedule promoted by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is backed by many years of scientific study and data on millions of children.

The following immunization policy supports the safety of children attending Sunshine School, and their families.

- A complete immunization record is required for each student. Sunshine School will follow the recommendations of the AAP and ACIP (see attached, Exhibit A). Students enrolling at Sunshine School must have proof of up-to-date immunizations as outlined by the Hawaii Department of Health Immunization Branch. (Administrative Rules HRA Title 11 Chapter 157).
- Waivers:
 - Waivers for new students will be limited to approved medical waivers only.
 - Current students with waivers classified as religious or other will be grandfathered in and allowed to re-enroll. However, Sunshine School reserves the right to discontinue this practice of grandfathering, as needed.
- Sunshine School reserves the right to decline admission or re-enrollment to any child who is not fully immunized.
- Sunshine School reserves the right to exclude from the school any child who has not been fully immunized. In such cases, there will be no refund or tuition adjustment.
- Enrolled children are required to keep their immunizations up-to-date in order to remain at the school.
- Employees:
 - Waivers for employees will be limited to approved medical waivers.
 - Sunshine School reserves the right to decline employment to, or terminate the employment of, any person who is not fully immunized.

Exhibit A: Immunization Table

Vaccine	Number of vaccines required
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	4 Final dose: 6 months after third dose and not before age 12 months
Polio (IPV, OPV or any combination)	3
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)*	3 or 4 depending on brand Final dose: Not before age 12 months
Pevnar (pneumococcal disease) **	4 Final dose: Not before age 12 months
Hepatitis B	3
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1: Not before age 12 months
Varicella (chickenpox)	1: Not before age 12 months
Hepatitis A	1 st dose: Not before age 12 months 2 nd dose: 6 months after first dose

If vaccines are not completed by the standard schedule the medical consultant or director will review to ensure that the student is in compliance with ACIP standards