

<u>Immunization Requirements for Attending School in the State of Alabama</u>

Alabama Schools must ensure that each student presents a valid Alabama Certificate of Immunization as required by the Code of Alabama, 16-30-4. A child's entry and attendance in school is conditioned upon presenting 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 may not attend school until the requirement is met.

- Children entering Kindergarten require boosters of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), Polio, MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), and Varicella (chickenpox).
- Children age 11 and entering the 6th grade need a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccination.

Medical Exemption: Issued by the child's Primary Care or Specialty Physician.

Religious Exemption: Issued by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Contact Baldwin County Health Department to schedule an appointment. 251-947-1910

How to obtain an Alabama Certificate of Immunization

- 1. If your immunization status is current according to the State of Alabama requirements. Contact the Baldwin County Health Department's Women's and Children's Office (251-943-7260) to transfer your immunization dates onto a State of Alabama Certification of Immunization form.
- 2. If your immunization status is not current: Contact the Baldwin County Health Department (251-947-1910) or your healthcare provider.