



North Carolina Immunization Program Annual 7th Grade Immunization Report Instructions 2020-2021

North Carolina immunization law ([G.S. 130A-155\(c\)](#)) requires all public, private and religious schools to submit an annual immunization report on kindergarten, 7th grade, and 12th grade students. The purpose of these reports is to ensure that all children enrolled in school are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases and to determine the number of children who meet state immunization requirements. Remember that it is the principal's responsibility to ensure accurate and complete data is submitted to the Immunization Branch by the legislatively mandated due date.

[Executive Order 156](#), dated August 12th, 2020, provides an extension to North Carolina's current proof-of-immunization requirement deadlines for students enrolled in public, private or religious educational institutions. North Carolina [G.S. 130A-155\(a\)](#) requires proof of required immunizations within 30 days of the first date of attendance of school. Executive Order 156 extends the 30-day 'grace period' to end on **October 30, 2020** for all students whose first day of attendance is on or before 10/1/2020. Executive Order 156 also extends the period in which annual immunization reports must be submitted to NCDHHS, as mandated by [G.S. 130A-155](#), to **December 15th, 2020**.

The immunization requirements apply to all children in North Carolina, regardless of the type of school setting, whether children are home-schooled or attend school in-person or by remote learning, they are required by state law to be immunized based on their age for certain vaccinations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

If a certificate of immunization is not presented by October 1, the principal or operator shall give a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian, or responsible person. The parent, guardian or responsible person shall then have 30 calendar days to obtain the required immunization(s) for the child. If a child or adolescent does not have the appropriate documentation after 30 calendar days, the student shall be excluded from school (including in-person, remote learning, and virtual education) until compliant with the requirements.

INSTRUCTIONS

*Please note: The information collected through this report is related to compliance as of the **30th calendar day**. Pursuant to Executive Order 156, the 30-day grace period ends on 10/30/2020 for all students whose first day of attendance is on or before 10/1/2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.*

1. Official School Start Date:

Enter the official first day of school (in-person, remote learning, virtual education).

2. Total 7th Grade Enrollment

Enter the number of students enrolled in 7th grade at your school, including those who may be repeating the grade.

3. 7th Grade Immunization Summary (as of calendar day 30). Please assign each student to only one of the below categories (a-d).

a. How many students had a valid medical exemption on file?

- i. Enter the number of students enrolled in 7th grade with a valid medical exemption to one or more of the required vaccines.
- ii. Please refer to North Carolina G.S.130A-156 for more information.
<http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>

b. How many students had a valid religious exemption on file?

- i. Enter the number of students enrolled in 7th grade with a valid religious exemption to one or more of the required vaccines.
- ii. Please refer to North Carolina G.S.130A-157 for more information.
<http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>

c. How many students had obtained the required immunizations for school entry?

- i. Enter the number of students that had obtained (received) the required immunizations for school entry within 30 calendar days. Do NOT include students with a medical or religious exemption.
- ii. For more information on immunizations required for 7th grade entry in North Carolina, please visit: <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/k-12.htm>

d. How many students had not obtained the required immunizations for school entry?

- i. Enter the number of students that had not obtained (received) the required immunizations for school entry within 30 calendar days. This includes students with no immunization record on file as well as students missing documentation for one or more of the required vaccines. Do NOT include students with a medical or religious exemption.

e. TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS REVIEWED (a + b + c + d):

This number must equal the total 7th grade enrollment reported in Question 2.

4. Of the students reported as medically exempt to the immunization requirements for school entry in question 3a, how many were medically exempt from each of the following vaccines? Students with a medical exemption to both Tdap and meningococcal vaccines should only be reported in 4a.

- a. Both Tdap and Meningococcal
- b. Tdap
- c. Meningococcal

Enter the number of students with a valid medical exemption to each of the vaccines listed. Students must submit either Form DHHS 3987 or DHHS 3995. The statement must explain the specific reason why each vaccine is detrimental to the student's health and the length of time the exemption will apply. A doctor's note or parent statement is not acceptable for a Medical Exemption.

5. **Of the students reported as religiously exempt to the immunization requirements for school entry in question 3b, how many were religiously exempt from each of the following vaccines? Students with a religious exemption to both Tdap and meningococcal vaccines should only be reported in 5a.**

- a. Both Tdap and Meningococcal
- b. Tdap
- c. Meningococcal

Enter the number of students with a valid religious exemption to each of the vaccines listed. A student may be exempt when the parent or guardian submits a written statement explaining that it is against their bona fide religious belief to have their child immunized. This statement must include the name and date of birth of the person for whom the exemption is being requested. These statements do not need to be notarized, signed by a religious leader, or prepared by an attorney. They need to be kept on file but do not need to be submitted to the state for review or approval.

6. **Of the students reported in question 3d as not having a record on file or missing documentation of receiving the required immunizations for school entry, how many were missing documentation of each of the following vaccines? Students missing documentation of both Tdap and meningococcal vaccines should only be reported in 6a.**

- a. Both Tdap and Meningococcal
- b. Tdap
- c. Meningococcal

*Do NOT include students with a medical or religious exemption.

7. **Of the students reported in question 3d as not having a record on file or missing documentation of receiving the required immunizations for school entry, how many were not permitted to attend school after the 30th calendar day from the first day of attendance?**

Enter the number of students who were not allowed to attend school (excluded) because they did not meet the state immunization requirements written in NCGS 130A-155 (a) that states that "If the administration of vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period in excess of 30 calendar days, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization. Upon termination of 30 days or the extended period, the principal or operator shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility unless the required immunization has been obtained."

8. How many students did not meet the immunization requirements for school entry within 30 calendar days of their first attendance and were given additional time to obtain the required immunizations (due to minimum dose intervals)?

Enter the number of students who did not meet the state immunization requirements within 30 calendar days of their first attendance, that were given an extension due to the minimum dosing intervals for one or more of the immunizations required for school entry. [NCGS 130A-155 \(a\)](#) states that “If the administration of vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period in excess of 30 calendar days, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization. Upon termination of 30 days or the extended period, the principal or operator shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility unless the required immunization has been obtained.”