

The routine vaccination of all students is an important public health matter. Both the Reform and Conservative movements believe that childhood vaccination is a mitzvah, based on the Torah's exhortation to "take utmost care and watch yourselves scrupulously" (Deuteronomy 4:9). The requirement of all students at the United Jewish School is to be adequately immunized against all of the preventable childhood diseases as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; therefore, it is United Jewish School policy that age-appropriate compliance of vaccination is enforced, and to exclude individuals who are out of compliance.

Vaccination records: Parents must provide vaccination records or documentation of medical exemptions from the state or their pediatrician prior to the start of school. Your doctor or your local Health Department can print an Official State of Michigan Immunization Record for you. You can also request forms here: <https://www.mcir.org/public/>

Policy exceptions: We recognize that individuals, who have had a documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine, will not be able to receive further doses of that individual vaccine. In addition, individuals with medical conditions such as congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids, will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, current documentation from a physician (MD or DO) describing the reason for exemption from immunization must be furnished to UJS.

For students undergoing catch-up vaccination, the doses noted above may not be indicated or sufficient. Please discuss specific immunization catch-up strategies with your child's health-care provider. Again, documentation of this exception to the recommended schedule must be provided by a physician (MD or DO) with the vaccination records.