

New Kentucky Immunization Laws:

The following is a summary of the recent changes, effective June 21, 2017, to **902 KAR 2:060 Immunizations schedules for attending child day care centers, certified family child care homes, other licensed facilities which are for children, preschool programs, and public and private primary and secondary schools**, <https://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/902/002/060.htm> . This amended Kentucky Administrative Regulation requires **all** children to have a current immunization certificate on file, contains the required immunizations schedule for attending, and has a process to obtain a religious exemption from the required immunizations.

- ❖ One new age – specific immunization requirement and one booster dose requirement effective for the school year beginning on or after **July 1, 2018**:
 - 2 – Dose Series of Hep A (Age: 12 months through 18 years, to be compliant for the series the second Hep A is given six months after the first inject.)
 - Quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY) booster dose (Age: 16 years)
- ❖ Homeschooled children are required to submit to current immunization certificate to participate in any public or private school activities (classroom, extra curriculum activity, or sports).
- ❖ All vaccines administered are printed on the Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status now including immunizations not required for school entry.

- ❖ Out of state immunization certificates may be accepted if they meet the same age – specific requirements as outlined in this regulation.

- ❖ A Commonwealth Certificate of Immunization Status printed from the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) does not require a signature

- ❖ Routine certificate reviews are to occur at enrollment in a day care center, kindergarten, new enrollment at any grade; upon legal name change; and at a school required examination pursuant to **702 KAR 1:160**.

- ❖ A child whose certificate has exceeded the date for the certificate to be valid shall be recommended to visit the child’s medical provider or local health department to receive immunizations required by this administrative regulation. An updated and current certificate shall be provided to the:
 - Day care center, certified family child care home, or other licensed facility that cares for the children by a parent or guardian **within thirty (30) days from when the certificate was found to be invalid**.
 - School by a parent or guardian **within fourteen (14) days from when the certificate was found to be invalid**.