## **Immunization Policy**

## Why Get Immunized?

To help protect your child and others from vaccine-preventable diseases. Idaho law requires
certain immunizations to be completed before your child may attend school. The Department
of Health and Welfare provides the following guide to immunizations required for school entry.
20-21 Guide to Idaho School Immunizations Requirements for Parents of Children in or Entering
Preschool and Grades K-12

Can a Parent Claim an Exemption from Immunizations for their Child?

Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim an exemption for their child from the state school immunization requirements for medical, religious, or other reasons. If you would like to exempt your child you must complete an <u>Idaho Immunization Exemption Form</u> or provide a signed written statement that includes the name of the child, birthdate, and type of exemption being claimed (religious or other). For a medical exemption, you must provide a certification signed by a licensed physician stating the medical reason the child cannot be immunized.

Can a Nonimmunized Child ever be Excluded from School?

Yes, if there is an outbreak of the disease for which a student is not immunized, the
nonimmunized student will be excluded from school for the period deemed necessary by public
health officials.

Proof of required immunizations or an exemption must be given to school personnel before your child may attend school.