



## **SEA 461 – Immunization Law**

[SEA 461](#) made many revisions and updates to the Immunization Law (IC 20-34-4). Below is a description of what the law now requires.

### **Section 1**

- each school shall keep an immunization record of the school's students
- whenever a student transfers to another school, the transferring school may furnish the immunization record to the new school
- a high school may furnish a copy of the student's immunization record to a state educational institution

### **Section 2**

- every child residing in Indiana who is enrolled in an accredited school shall be immunized as determined by the ISDH
- ISDH may expand the list of required immunizations as needed in the interest of public health
- before November 30 of each year, ISDH shall publish a two year calendar - the requirements for the upcoming year and the planned requirements for the subsequent year
- the time frame for the calendar does not apply in the event of an emergency as determined by the state health commissioner
- ISDH shall adopt rules regarding the required immunizations, the child's age for administering each vaccine, the number of doses required, and the documentation of proof of immunity

### **Section 3**

- each school shall notify each parent of a student who enrolls of the immunization requirements and that immunization is required for the student's continued enrollment, attendance, or residence at the school unless - the parent provides documentation of immunity, a medical exemption or a religious objection
- schools shall provide parents of 6th grade students with information prescribed by the ISDH regarding the HPV vaccine
- lists the information the ISDH must include regarding the HPV infection
- ISDH shall provide the IDOE with immunization educational materials, the IDOE shall provide these materials to schools for sharing with parents, and schools may post these materials on the school's web site

#### **Section 4**

- the parent of any student who has not received the required immunizations shall present the student to a health care provider authorized to administer the immunizations
- the health care provider who administers the required immunizations shall enter the immunization information into CHIRP

#### **Section 5**

- each school shall require the parent of a student who has enrolled in the school to furnish, not later than the first day of school, proof of the student's immunization status either as a written document from the health care provider or documentation from CHIRP
- the statement must include the student's date of birth and the date of each immunization
- a student may not be permitted to attend school beyond the first day of school without furnishing the immunization record unless the school gives the student a waiver or the local health department or a health care provider determines that the student's immunization schedule has been delayed due to extreme circumstances
- the waiver may not exceed 20 school days and if an extreme circumstance exists, the parent shall furnish a written statement and a schedule, approved by a health care provider who is authorized to administer immunizations or the local health department, for the completion of the remainder of the immunizations
- allows the ISDH to take action against a school for failure to enforce this section
- neither a religious objection or medical exception relieves the parent of the responsibility to report their child's immunization status to the school
- allows the ISDH to adopt rules for this section

#### **Section 5.5**

- this section was repealed and no longer exists as of July 2015
- this was the section that required schools to collect HPV information from parents of 6th grade girls

#### **Section 6**

- allows the ISDH to collect immunization data using CHIRP
- requires school corporations to ensure that all applicable immunization data is entered into CHIRP by the first Friday in February
- allows the ISDH and the local health department to validate immunization reports by on site reviews of non-identifying immunization data if a substantial threat to the health and safety of a student or the school community exists
- allows the ISDH to adopt rules for this section

#### **Additional Guidance:**

#### **Q: Where can I find additional information regarding the Immunization Law?**

A: More information can be found on the [CHIRP website](#).

#### **Q: Who should I contact if I have additional questions?**

A: Please contact Jolene Bracale, Program Coordinator for Student Health Services, at [jbracale@doe.in.gov](mailto:jbracale@doe.in.gov).