

Vaccine Exemptions: Information for Parents and Families

Vaccines are needed for students in schools, childcares, preschools, and Head Start programs in Oregon. By far, most parents vaccinate their children. But some parents claim exemptions to vaccines.

The next School Exclusion Day is February 19, 2014. Parents who need to claim an exemption by this date should sign the religious exemption section of the Certificate of Immunization Status before turning this form in to the school.

Beginning on March 1, 2014, parents must receive education about the benefits and risks of vaccines before signing an exemption. Parents can receive education in one of two ways:

- 1. Talk to a healthcare provider.
- 2. View an online vaccine education module. The link to the module will be posted on Oregon Immunization Program's website on March 1, 2014.

Please visit Oregon Immunization Program's website for more information about school vaccine requirements at: http://1.usa.gov/OregonSchool, or talk to your healthcare provider.

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