

Family Child Care Licensing Requirements Regarding Immunizations

Every licensed family child care provider in Minnesota must follow the requirements regarding immunizations. Some children may have enrolled in family child care during infancy, before certain immunizations are given. Please check the records of your children now, and remind parents to bring in updated records for measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) and other required vaccines. Make sure you know which children have not been immunized and might need to stay home if measles comes to your family child care program.

Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0405, subpart 4. Records for each child.

Prior to admission of a child, the family child care provider must obtain documentation of current immunization according to Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15, a signed notarized statement of parental objection to the immunization, or a medical exemption.

In addition, you must request, update, and keep on file the dates of immunizations received by a child in regular attendance at the residence as follows:

- (1) for an infant, every six months
- (2) for a toddler, annually;
- (3) for a preschool child, every 18 months; and
- (4) for a school-age child, every three years.

You will need this information on file for review by your county licensor. If you do not have documentation of current immunizations for each child in care, it is a licensing violation.

What documentation do I need to have on file to show current immunizations of each child?

Parents or legal guardians of children in your care should provide you with a completed Minnesota Department of Health Child Care Immunization Form. Regularly remind parents when shots are due and to provide you with updated information as children receive additional shots.