



## 2023 Nevada Child Care and Accommodation Facility Immunization Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **Why are the Nevada immunization reporting surveys due annually?**
  - Before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, each child care facility and accommodation facility shall submit the mandatory immunization reporting surveys to the Division of Public and Behavioral (DPBH) Health of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) [432A.230](#) and [432A.235](#).
- **Where are the reports submitted?**
  - Reports may be submitted via the online reporting surveys at <https://www.immunizenevada.org/submit-rates>. Reporting resources and toolkits are also available on the website.

- **Which immunizations are required for child care and accommodation facilities?**

Vaccine	Protects Against
DTaP/DT	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
IPV	Polio
Hib	Haemophilus Influenzae type b
PCV13 (Prevnar®)	Streptococcus Pneumoniae
HBV	Hepatitis B
HAV	Hepatitis A
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
VZV (Varicella)	Chickenpox

- In addition to the immunization requirements above, children being admitted to child care or accommodation facilities in Nevada must also receive all required vaccines at the youngest recommended age of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [Immunization Schedule](#).
- Any child who is behind on Nevada’s required immunizations must be brought up-to-date utilizing the ACIP [Catch-Up Schedule](#) to continue to attend the facility.
- Please see the [Technical Bulletin](#) regarding child care and accommodation facility immunizations.

- **Why must children be immunized?**

- Communities with lower immunization rates are more vulnerable to the spread of diseases, such as measles and whooping cough. Vaccines are safe, effective, and can prevent against infectious diseases that once killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults.
- Immunizing children at the youngest recommended age when in a child care and/or accommodation facility further protects the child and their peers at the earliest time possible.
- For example, the fifth dose of DTaP, when given at four (4) years of age, increases antibody levels and decreases the risk of older children transmitting the disease to younger siblings and/or classmates who are too young to have completed the vaccine series.
- Resources on vaccines are located at:
  - <https://www.immunizenevada.org/child-careschool-resources>
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html>

➤ **What does “up-to-date” mean?**

- A child is considered “up-to-date” if they have received all their age-appropriate vaccinations upon admittance for the year. In Nevada, children entering child care must be current on immunizations protecting them from: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus Influenzae type b, Streptococcus Pneumoniae, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (Chickenpox).

➤ **Where are Nevada and/or COVID-19 immunizations resources located?**

- Immunize Nevada webpage for School and Child Care Administrators
  - <https://www.immunizenevada.org/school-child-care-admin>
- Current Nevada DPBH Immunization Requirements
  - [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School\\_Requirements/School\\_Requirements/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/)
- Nevada DPBH School and Child Care Immunizations and Resources, including for COVID-19
  - [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/School\\_and\\_Childcare/School\\_and\\_Child\\_Care\\_Immunizations/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/School_and_Childcare/School_and_Child_Care_Immunizations/)
- Nevada DPBH New Technical Bulletins for COVID-19, monkeypox, and other topics
  - [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/Technical\\_Bulletins-New/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Resources/Technical_Bulletins-New/)
- Nevada State Immunization Program Facebook
  - <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaStateImmunizationProgram>
- Nevada Health Care and Quality Compliance child care listserv email list
  - <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/HealthFacilities/dta/Lists/Listservs/>
- CDC Operational Guidance to Support Safe In-Person Learning
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

➤ **Where can children access vaccines?**

- Parents, guardians, and caregivers may contact their local health care provider, pharmacy, community and/or public health nurse, and county’s health district/authority for vaccinations.

- COVID-19 and flu vaccines are available for everyone 6 months of age and older. Visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> to find a COVID-19 or flu vaccine location.

➤ **Who do the reports include? What ages do the reports cover?**

- Please submit reports using immunization information from any child that has attended the facility in the past year (January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>). This reporting requirement is applied to children of any age that attend the child care or accommodation facility.

➤ **What does “conditionally admitted” mean?**

Per [NRS 432A.230](#) and [NRS 432A.235](#):

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and unless excused because of religious belief or medical condition, a child may not be admitted to any child care and/or accommodation facility within this State, including a facility licensed by a county or city, unless the parents or guardian of the child submit to the operator of the facility a certificate stating that the child has been immunized and has received proper boosters for that immunization or is complying with the schedules established by regulation pursuant to [NRS 439.550](#) for the following diseases:
  - (a) Diphtheria;
  - (b) Tetanus;
  - (c) Pertussis if the child is under 6 years of age;
  - (d) Poliomyelitis;
  - (e) Rubella;
  - (f) Rubeola; and
  - (g) Such other diseases as the local board of health or the State Board of Health may determine.
- (2) A child whose parent or guardian has not established a permanent residence in the county in which a child care and/or accommodation facility is located and whose history of immunization cannot be immediately confirmed by a physician in this State or a local health officer, may enter the child care and/or accommodation facility conditionally if the parent or guardian:
  - (a) Agrees to submit within 15 days a certificate from a physician or local health officer that the child has received or is receiving the required immunizations; and
  - (b) Submits proof that the parent or guardian has not established a permanent residence in the county in which the facility is located.
- (3) If a certificate from the physician or local health officer showing that the child has received or is receiving the required immunizations is not submitted to the operator of the child care and/or accommodation facility within 15 days after the child was conditionally admitted, the child must be excluded from the facility.

To calculate the number of conditionally enrolled children, please include any child in series and any child that is new to the county.

➤ **The facility is both a child care and school. How is this reported?**

- Please report twice, once for the school and once for the child care and/or accommodation facility.

➤ **Our facility has multiple campuses. How is this reported?**

- Please report each campus separately.
- For example, if the child care and/or accommodation facility has 10 campuses, please individually report for all 10 facilities.

➤ **Our facility hosts multiple types of child care, e.g., daycare, after-school, etc. How is this reported?**

- Please report the child care and/or accommodation information together if the programs are on the same campus.

➤ **Where is the law on child care and accommodation facility immunization requirements?**

- Child care and accommodation facility immunization requirements are listed in the following Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code:

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)	Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)
<a href="#">NRS 432A.230</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.235</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.240</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.250</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.260</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.270</a> <a href="#">NRS 432A.280</a>	<a href="#">NAC 432A.500</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.501</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.502</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.503</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.504</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.505</a> <a href="#">NAC 432A.510</a>

➤ **What if children have immunization exemptions?**

- It is in the best interest of the children that the facility makes its best efforts to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. Please note that while medical and religious exemptions are accepted in Nevada, personal belief exemptions **are not**.
  - As of July 2021, medical and religious exemptions must be submitted on a standardized Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health form (see the [Immunization Exemption Requirement Technical Bulletin](#)).
- Do not include children with religious and medical exemptions in the up-to-date immunization information. Only children who are fully vaccinated per Nevada requirements should be counted as up-to-date.
  - Children who have had varicella disease, *regardless of how many doses of varicella vaccine*, are considered up-to-date, but must provide proof of immunity (see the [Varicella Technical Bulletin](#)).

➤ **Where are the Nevada standardized immunization exemption forms located?**

- [https://dph.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School\\_Requirements/School\\_Requirements/](https://dph.nv.gov/Programs/SIP/dta/School_Requirements/School_Requirements/)
- <https://www.immunizenevada.org/immunization-laws>

- The FAQ letter is located at [https://www.immunizenevada.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/IN\\_211093\\_Immunization\\_Exemption\\_Letter\\_v8\\_F.pdf](https://www.immunizenevada.org/sites/default/files/2022-02/IN_211093_Immunization_Exemption_Letter_v8_F.pdf).
- **What tools can help verify if children are up-to-date?**
    - All immunizations administered in the State of Nevada should be recorded in Nevada WebIZ at <https://webiz.nv.gov>. Those who have access to Nevada WebIZ will be able to use its recommendation tool to assess which immunizations are needed.
    - Nevada WebIZ also has a Public Access Portal for parents/guardians/caregivers to review their child's immunization records: <https://izrecord.nv.gov>.
    - Please contact the NV WebIZ Helpdesk for assistance at (775) 684-5954 or [izit@health.nv.gov](mailto:izit@health.nv.gov).
  - **Who can get access to WebIZ login information?**
    - Policy states that all new users who will add or modify data in Nevada WebIZ **must** attend a training session before given a username and password to log in.
    - For individuals who only need access to view data (such as a child care facility, or those that report data via HL7 electronic interface), a special User Confidentiality Agreement is available from the Helpdesk. For more information, visit the Nevada WebIZ website at [https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WebIZ/WebIZ\\_-\\_Home/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/WebIZ/WebIZ_-_Home/).
  - **Is this reporting the same as the audit from the Health District?**
    - No, this reporting is required by the State of Nevada per [NRS 432A.230](#) and is a different process than the audit done by some Health Districts. However, information from the audit may be helpful to assess immunization information for State reporting.
  - **Is a child still considered up-to-date if they were up-to-date during their last attendance, but haven't attended the facility or provided new immunization records in several months?**
    - Yes, the child would be considered up-to-date for reporting purposes if they were up-to-date when they were admitted to the facility.
  - **Is a child considered up-to-date if they are current on a series, but have not completed it? For example, they were behind on MMR, have now received Dose 1, but is not yet due for Dose 2.**
    - No, this child is not considered up-to-date. Per [NRS 432A.230](#), the child can be admitted into the child care facility, but should be tracked and reminded to get the next dose(s) in their series. By law, if the child does not get the required dose(s), then the child care and/or accommodation facility is no longer allowed to admit the child.
  - **As more of the children at the facility become up-to-date, can immunization reporting be updated?**
    - Yes, it is highly encouraged to please update these numbers so the data will better reflect the facility's immunization successes.