
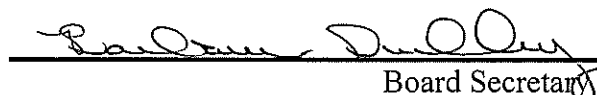


<b>OHEF SHOLOM TEMPLE</b>		<b>Policy and Procedure</b>
<b>Name of Policy:</b>	Ohef Sholom Immunization Policy	
<b>Policy Number:</b>	Religious School - 0001	
<b>Department:</b>	Religious School	
<b>Purpose:</b>	To ensure the safety and well-being of our students	
<b>Effective Date:</b>	September 1, 2019	
<b>Last Rev. Date:</b>		

<b>Required Signatures:</b>	
	Board President
	
	Board Secretary

<b>Definitions:</b>	
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<b>Policy:</b>	<p>In accordance with URJ guidance (see below) and the State of Virginia Minimum Immunization Requirements, Ohef Sholom Temple requires all students enrolled in all programs for children and youth to have documented proof of adequate age appropriate immunization. (See VA requirements below). An exception can be made only to children whose physician certifies in writing that immunization against a disease is medically contraindicated. In addition, in the event of an outbreak, students who qualify for this exemption will not be allowed in school. Ohef Sholom Temple, in consultation with the health department and medical advisers, will determine what constitutes an outbreak.</p> <p>Note: Documented proof is a written record of the dates of immunizations, titers or incidence of diseases provided by your healthcare provider's office, a high school university or college, or proof of enrollment in a public or accredited Virginia private school since proof of immunization is required for enrollment in these schools. You should have blood tests called titers to show immunity to measles, mumps, rubella and varicella.</p> <p>In our programs where children are not formally enrolled and do not attend regularly we ask that all children are up to date on their immunizations. If children attend more than one session a copy of immunization records is requested on the second visit.</p> <p>This policy and requirements is added to our school enrollment application.</p>
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**URJ Guidelines:**

The consensus view of Reform Judaism embraces the vital role vaccines play in ensuring individual and public health. For that reason, the longstanding and ongoing policy for all individuals attending URJ camps and Israel programs has been to require immunization for all children, staff, faculty, and their families with exemptions permitted only in strictly limited and specifically enumerated medical circumstances.<sup>2</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union for Reform Judaism:

- 1) Affirms that in the case of mandatory immunizations, *pikuach nefesh* and *refu'ah bedukah* are our guiding principles. Reform Jewish religious tenets prioritize protecting the health of all individuals, the most medically vulnerable members of the community, and the community as a whole, and do not provide a basis for a religious exemption from mandatory immunizations.
- 2) Supports mandatory immunization laws, with the only acceptable exemptions being:
  - a) Medical exemptions; and
  - b) Religious exemptions, which must be suspended if community immunity deemed at risk by public health officials.
- 3) Urges Reform Movement congregations and institutions to
  - a) Adopt policies that require mandatory vaccinations with medical exemptions in programs that serve children and youth; and
  - b) Educate members and the broader community about the scientific evidence and Jewish values in support of mandatory vaccinations.

[1] Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:9

[2] Maimonides's Commentary on Mishnah Pesachim 4:9

**Virginia  
Requirements:**

**Virginia School and Day Care Minimum Immunization Requirements**

Documentary proof shall be provided of adequate age appropriate immunization with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine indicated below for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home or developmental center. Vaccines must be administered in accordance with the harmonized schedule of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Academy of Family Physicians and must be administered within spacing and age requirements (available at <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/>) Children vaccinated in accordance with either the current harmonized schedule or the harmonized catch-up schedules (including meeting all minimum age and interval requirements) are considered to be appropriately immunized for school attendance.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap) - A minimum of 4 doses. A child must have at least one dose of DTaP or DTP vaccine on or after the fourth birthday. DT (Diphtheria, Tetanus) vaccine is required for children who are medically exempt from the pertussis containing vaccine (DTaP or DTP). Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements for tetanus and diphtheria.

***Effective July 1, 2019, a booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 7th grade.***

Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) Vaccine - This vaccine is required ONLY for children up to 60 months of age. A primary series consists of either 2 or 3 doses (depending on the manufacturer). However, the child's current age and not the number of prior doses received govern the number of doses required. Unvaccinated children between the ages of 15 and 60 months are only required to have one dose of vaccine.

Hepatitis B Vaccine - A complete series of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children. However, the FDA has approved a 2-dose schedule ONLY for adolescents 11-15 years of age AND ONLY when the Merck Brand (RECOMBIVAX HB) Adult Formulation Hepatitis B Vaccine is used. If the 2-dose schedule is used for adolescents 11-15 years of age it must be clearly documented on the school form.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) - Effective October 1, 2008, a complete series of 3 doses of HPV vaccine is required for females. The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 6th grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.

	<p>Measles, Mumps, &amp; Rubella (MMR) Vaccine - A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine usually administered is the combination vaccine MMR). First dose must be administered at age 12 months or older. Second dose of vaccine must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.</p> <p>Pneumococcal (PCV) Vaccine - This vaccine is required ONLY for children less than 60 months of age. One to four doses, dependent on age at first dose, of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine are required.</p> <p>Polio Vaccine - A minimum of 4 doses of polio vaccine. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. See supplemental guidance document for additional information.</p> <p>Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine - All children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have one dose of chickenpox vaccine administered at age 12 months or older. Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.</p>
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<p><b>Related Policies:</b></p>	
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