

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hawaii State Law requires students to meet immunization requirements before attending school. Exemptions from the immunization requirements may be allowed for medical or religious reasons, if the appropriate documentation is presented to the school. No other exemptions are allowed by the State.

§11-156-6 Exclusion from school and group settings. a) When any student has a communicable disease for which isolation or restriction from school attendance is required, it shall be the responsibility of the principal or director in charge of the school to prohibit the student from attending school until the expiration of the prescribed period of isolation. If the attending practitioner, school practitioner, or public health official finds upon examination that the student is free of the disease in the communicable state, the practitioner or official may issue a signed certificate, upon which the student shall be readmitted by the school authority. Students who have been exempted from immunization or who have not completed the required immunizations shall be immunized or excluded from school during a potential outbreak as determined by the department.

In other words:

If your child is under-immunized for a vaccine-preventable disease, and an outbreak should occur, your child must be excluded from school for the length of time determined by the Hawaii Department of Health.

If a child or staff member contracts a communicable disease such as chicken pox, giardiasis, shigellosis, hepatitis, meningitis, shingles or measles, MPP will notify families through posted notices and/or email. If your child is under-immunized, he or she will need to be closely monitored and you will be asked to keep him or her at home until cleared by a physician.