

STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must be fully compliant with state immunization requirements in order to attend/enroll in classes in Holland Independent School District. You must show documentation of proof of immunization compliance prior to the start of the school year or at the time of enrollment. Immunization requirements for students enrolled in Texas public schools may change from year to year. Current Texas immunization schedules can be obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school> and on the HISD Health Services web page. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions regarding the immunization requirements.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from immunization requirements set by the Texas Department of State Health Services are allowable on an individual basis for medical contraindications, religious conflicts and reasons of conscience. Requests must be made through the Texas Department of State Health Services. An exemption form can be obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunization-unit/texas-school-child-care-facility-immunization/texas-immunization-exemptions>. The **original** copy of the notarized exemption form must be turned in to the school for documentation purposes. The form must be submitted to the school within 90 days from the date of notarization.

Texas Vaccine for Children Program (TVFC)

We regret to inform our HISD families that the Bell County Health Department will no longer immunize any child who has private health insurance that covers vaccines. There are no exceptions for the fact that a private care provider may not have the vaccine in stock, nor that a family may be unable to pay the private provider co-pay. Families will need to use their own health care provider for all vaccines required for school attendance. If your child does not have private health insurance that covers immunizations, he/she may be eligible to receive required immunizations from the Bell County Public Health clinics or any other provider of the TVFC (Texas Vaccines for Children) program. Determination will be made by completing an eligibility questionnaire at the providing clinic.

Q: Are all children enrolled in Medicaid programs automatically TVFC eligible?

A: Yes, all children from birth through 18 years of age who are covered by Medicaid are considered TVFC eligible because of their Medicaid status.

Q: Are all children who have Medicaid as a secondary insurance covered by TVFC?

A: Yes, all children who have Medicaid as a secondary insurance are covered by TVFC. The state Medicaid agency will pay the claim for the administration fee and seek reimbursement from the primary insurance.

CHICKEN POX IMMUNIZATION

The Texas Department of State Health requires all students to be immunized for Varicella (Chicken Pox). If your child has had the chicken pox disease, he/she will not require the immunization. A Parent Verification of Chicken-Pox Disease form will need

to be completed by the parent/guardian and filed in the nurse's office at time of enrollment.