

# Annual Report of Immunization Status Packet

# Introduction Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS)

We mail the 2025-2026 Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS) to all public-school districts and accredited non-public or private schools generally in September. Below, please find a list of the contents and an explanation of resources.

- The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) resource provides answers to questions frequently asked during the immunization-reporting period.
- The Final Submission Checklist provides helpful reminders to ensure the report is complete.
- An Immunization Reporting Guide PowerPoint is available in the Child Health Reporting System under the "Help" tab to provide guidance and address common immunization scenarios.

#### **Contents Of Mailing**

- Cover Letter
- Report Form
- Instructions
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Final Submission Checklist



Jennifer A. Shuford, M.D., M.P.H.

Commissioner

October 17, 2025

RE: 2025-2026 Annual Report of Immunization Status

#### Dear Principals, Superintendents, and School Health Staff:

In accordance with Section 38.002, Education Code and 25 TAC §97.71, all public-school districts and accredited private schools shall complete the Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS) each year. The purpose of this report is to monitor compliance with the Texas immunization requirements outlined in 25 TAC §97.61-97.72.

Please use the enclosed 2025-2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12 as a reference. In addition to the chart, helpful documents are available in the Child Health Reporting System under "Help" tab and under the "Tools and Activities for School Immunizations" dropdown on <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/health-departments/training">www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/health-departments/training</a>. Links may not work in old or outdated browsers such as Internet Explorer.

House Bill (H.B.) 1586, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, passed and amended <u>Health and Safety Code §161.0041</u>. DSHS revised the Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 97, §97.62 Exclusions from Compliance and §97.64 Required Vaccinations for Students Enrolled in Health-related and Veterinary Courses in Institutions of Higher Education. DSHS now posts a blank immunization exemption affidavit form on the <u>Texas Immunization Exemption</u> page for a person to download and submit to their child-care facility, school, or institution of higher education, including health-related or veterinary courses. A person can still request that DSHS mail them the form.

Beginning this school year, the Child Health Reporting System (CHRS) transitioned to IAMOnline system for access management. Current CHRS users received an email on August 11, 2025, to activate their account. To request a new user account, review the new user information included in this packet.

The school nurse or other staff person who maintains immunization records should complete the ARIS. Select an assessment date to report immunization data for your school district or private school between Friday, October 31, 2025, and Friday, December 12, 2025. We do not accept any report submitted before October 31, 2025. You must submit the report online by

December 12, 2025. Reports submitted after December 12, 2025, are late and invalid. Facilities that do not submit the report as instructed are subject to auditing.

School administration should review the ARIS before submitting to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Per state law, students considered "delinquent" for any vaccine category should be excluded from school until the student achieves immunization compliance.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of Texas students.

We appreciate your support. Please contact the DSHS Immunization Section at 800-252-9152 or email us at <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> if you have any questions about immunization requirements, this report, or IAMOnline and CHRS access.

Sincerely,

DSHS Immunization Section <a href="mailto:schoolimm@dshs.texas.gov">schoolimm@dshs.texas.gov</a>

Enclosures

# 2025-2026 ARIS Instructions

The directions to submit your facility's "Annual Report of Immunization Status (ARIS)" for this year are enclosed. This information collected is under the authority of Texas Education Code §38.002 and 25 TAC §97.71 and measures compliance with immunization requirements. As required by state law, all schools must complete this report between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December.

IMPORTANT: Contact us immediately at (800) 252-9152 or email <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> for detailed instructions if you receive more than one ARIS for the same school. If one or more of the following scenarios applies to your facility, check the appropriate line(s), fill in your Facility Name and Facility ID and return it via fax (512) 776-7544 or email <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a>.

If one or more of the following apply, it is not necessary to fill out the rest of the report.

	Closed or No Longer in Business
	Inactive / Temporary Closure
	Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)
	No Immunization Records Kept on Site / Students Accounted for on Survey of School Where Enrolled
	No Students Currently Enrolled Psychiatric Facility
	Alternative Adult Education
	Transitional Facility (houses youth that have transitioned from foster care and teaches life skills for independent living)
	Dual Credit Campus (an institution of higher education, like a university providing college credits to high school students)
	Pre-kindergarten (pre-K) Only Facility, no students in kindergarten through 12th grade (K $-$ 12th)
Facility N	lame Facility ID

#### **Online Data Entry**

Each public school district, charter school district, and private school must submit the ARIS online between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December each year.

- (1) Go to the Child Health Reporting System (CHRS) through <a href="https://iamonline.hhs.state.tx.us/">https://iamonline.hhs.state.tx.us/</a> to report the ARIS.
- (2) There are tutorials in the 'Help' tab on the CHRS dashboard to assist you.
  - a. 'User Account' is a tutorial on creating a new user account.
  - b. 'Imm Data Entry' is a tutorial on immunization data entry.
  - c. 'Imm Reporting Guide' provides guidance on commonly used terms and scenarios.
- (3) Open each tutorial and either print out the slides or save the files to your computer.
- (4) Log in to <u>IAMOnline</u> and select the CHRS tile on your dashboard. Your username is your email address. If you do not know your password, select 'Forgot Password?' link on the IAMOnline sign-in page. Follow the instructions on IAMOnline to reset the password. Visit the <u>IAMOnline Help Page</u> for assistance with log in issues. Contact the Help Desk at 512-438-4720 or 855-435-7181 (toll-free), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., CT, Monday to Friday, for additional assistance.
- (5) Refer to the 'Imm Data Entry' tutorial on <a href="https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx">https://chrstx.dshs.texas.gov/Login.aspx</a>. This tutorial contains instructions for entering your ARIS data online. Refer to the instructions on pages 2 10 of this tutorial to supplement the online data entry instructions. The data entry online report form is in the same order as it appears on your paper copy of the ARIS form.

#### **Troubleshooting**

Visit the <u>IAMOnline Help Page</u> for assistance with log in issues if you have problems logging into IAMOnline. Contact the Help Desk at 512-438-4720 or 855-435-7181 (toll-free), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., CT, Monday to Friday for additional assistance.

Send an email to <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> or call 800-252-9152 if you have questions about data entry.

Include the following information in your email so we can best assist you:

- Your first and last name
- Your phone number
- · Your facility name
- Your facility ID
- A detailed description of the issue you are having

#### **Reporting Timeline**

Report the immunization status of students between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) does not accept mailed or emailed copies of the immunization report.

**NOTE:** The website will not allow the submission of immunization data until the last Friday in October.

DSHS does not grant extensions past the deadline. Failure to submit your ARIS by the due date in December results in an audit for your facility. DSHS recommends submitting your ARIS during the beginning of the reporting period.

#### **Data Publication**

Data provided in the ARIS is published annually online at <a href="mailto:dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/data/school/coverage">dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/data/school/coverage</a>. Data entry errors made by school staff are not be corrected once the information is published. Therefore, it is imperative to check the data before submission. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also receives this immunization data.

#### **Create New Account in IAMOnline**

Beginning School Year 2025-2026, CHRS transitioned to the IAMOnline system for access management. If you were a previous user in CHRS, check your email spam folder for a communication from <a href="mailto:Do Not Reply IAMOnline@partner.hhs.texas.gov">Do Not Reply IAMOnline@partner.hhs.texas.gov</a>. Visit the <a href="mailto:IAMOnline@partner.hhs.texas.gov">IAMOnline@partner.hhs.texas.gov</a>. Visit the <a href

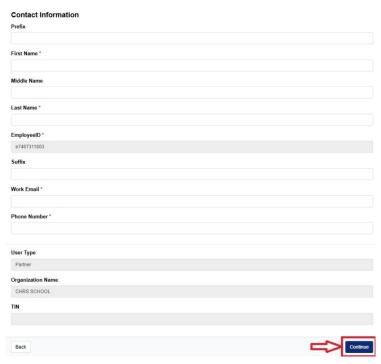
New users follow the steps below:

#### 1. Create account in IAMOnline

- a. Enter <a href="https://iamonline.hhs.state.tx.us/">https://iamonline.hhs.state.tx.us/</a> to access the IAMOnline Sign-in page.
- b. Next, click the link labeled "Request account as a non-HHS employee or register organization" to request a new account. Please note, the external user ID is your valid email address.
- c. Select **No**, for the question "Do you want to register for an EMSTR Organization?". Type "CHRS SCHOOL" and select the option. Select **Continue**.



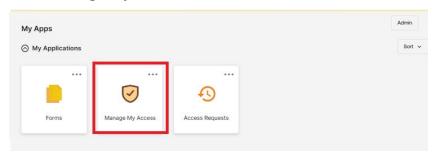
d. Fill in your contact information. Please enter your valid **email address**. Select **Continue.** 



- e. Users can find detailed instructions <a href="here">here</a>; Follow the organization or external user account request steps as directed.
  - o Your Organization Name is CHRS SCHOOL.
- f. Once DSHS receives and approves the access request, users will receive an IAMOnline registration email to set up their IAMOnline account.
- g. The users click the **Activate Account** button to set up their account promptly. Please note the link is only active for **seven days** for security reasons.
- h. Complete the Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA). See image highlight.

#### 2. Request Access to Child Health Reporting System

a. Request access to **CHRS** for the **CHRS** tile(s) to appear on your **My Apps Dashboard**. Select **Manage My Access**.



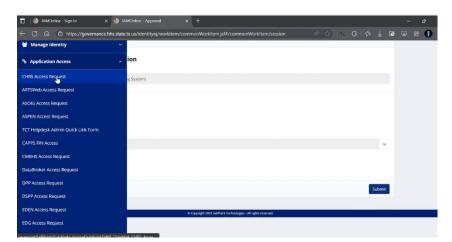
b. Select the three lines at the top left of the dashboard.



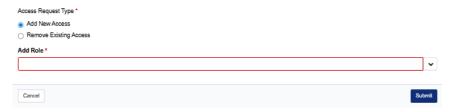
c. Select Application Access.



d. Select CHRS Access Request.



e. Select **Add New Access**. Select "Immunization" option and enter the school name you need access to. Add justification for request. For example, "Annual Report of Immunization Status reporting." Select **Submit**. Submit CHRS Access Requests for each unique school you need access to by following steps 2c through 2e for additional schools.



- a. Click on the CHRS tile for the school you want to log into to access CHRS.
- b. Important: Please note that you must change your IAMOnline password every 90 days. You will receive an email from IAMOnline when your password is about to expire. Your account becomes disabled if you do not update your password in the allotted time. Please contact the help desk at 512-438-4720 or 855-435-7181 (toll-free), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., CT, Monday to Friday to reinstate access to your disabled account.

# Section 1: Public School District, Charter School District, or Private School Information

Use the following information to access the online Annual Report of Immunization Status:

- (A) Facility Name
- (B) Facility ID
- (C) Ensure your mailing address accurately reflects the location of your facility for data reporting purposes. Contact us at (800) 252-9152 or email <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> for further instructions if your mailing address does not accurately reflect the location of your facility for data reporting purposes.

Enter your contact information:

- (D) Name and title
- (E) Email address and phone number

Complete lines (F) and (G) for your entire public school district, charter school district, or private school for all grades kindergarten through grade 12.

Private schools must enter your specific private school information. Do not enter diocese total or parent organization information.

- (F) Total number of students in grades kindergarten through seventh grade in your public school district, charter school district, or private school with at least one conscientious exemption.
- (G) Total number of students enrolled in your public school district, charter school district, or private school regardless of what grade levels you have in your district or school. Do not count pre-K students.

**Example.** A private school with only grades 8 through 12 must provide the total number of students enrolled in grades 8 through 12.

**NOTE:** If your public school district, charter school district, or private school does not provide education to students enrolled in grades kindergarten and seventh (e.g., grades 9 through 12 only), only complete Section 1. Do not move on to Section 2.

#### **Section 2: Immunization Status**

Submit the information for Section 2 for kindergarten and seventh grade students in your public school district, charter school district, or private school. See the Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12 (Stock No. 6-14) online at www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school/requirements for a list of immunization requirements.

**NOTE:** If your public school district, charter school district, or private school provides education to students enrolled in kindergarten, seventh grade, or both, select the button for which grades you are submitting data after completing Section 1. Reporting options are kindergarten and seventh grade, kindergarten only, or seventh grade only. If the grade has zero enrollment, do not select that grade option.

#### Table 1: Kindergarten and Table 2: Seventh Grade

The following refers to Lines a through g in Table 1 and Table 2.

- a. Total number of schools in your public school district with kindergarten or seventh grade.
  - **NOTE:** For most private schools, the number is 1.
- b. Total number of students enrolled in kindergarten or seventh grade.
- c. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students with a conscientious exemption on file for at least one vaccine. Review the records of all students with an affidavit on file, regardless of the number of vaccines checked on the student's form.
  - **NOTE:** If you document at least one student with a conscientious exemption on file for Line c, you must also document the corresponding vaccine or vaccines the student is exempted from in Column 3.
- d. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students that presented an Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience Form with all vaccines checked.
  - **NOTE:** The number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Line c.
- e. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students with a medical exemption for at least one vaccine.
  - **NOTE:** If you document at least one student has a medical exemption on file in Line e, you must also document the corresponding exempted vaccine(s) in Column 4.

f. Count the number of kindergarten or seventh grade students that presented a medical exemption statement for all vaccines.

**NOTE**: The number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Line e. You might not have any students in this category.

g. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students who do not have an immunization record on file.

**NOTE:** Do not include students with an exemption to any or all vaccine(s). Students without immunization records or valid vaccine exemptions on file who are not enrolled provisionally must receive vaccines as soon as medically feasible. Per Texas Education Code 38.001, each student shall be fully immunized against diphtheria, measles, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and poliomyelitis, unless a valid vaccine exemption is on file, or the child meets the provisional enrollment criteria.

h. Total number of kindergarten or seventh grade students who are provisionally enrolled.

**NOTE:** This number must be less than or equal to the sum of Column 2.

#### **Vaccine-Specific Information**

The following refers to Columns 1 through 7 in Table 1 and Table 2.

#### (1) Up-to-date

Only include the number of students who are up-to-date or completely vaccinated in this column. For example, include all those who have completed all required doses of a specific vaccine for their age. Include as up-to-date, a student that has provided required documentation to support serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A.

**NOTE:** Only capture students that received a varicella vaccine and have a history of illness in Column 6: History.

#### (2) Provisional

Enter the number of students provisionally enrolled. A student can enroll provisionally under the following circumstances:

- When a student has started a series of required vaccinations and is on schedule to receive the remaining doses as rapidly as medically feasible,
- When a student has transferred from one Texas school to another Texas school and is waiting on the transfer of immunization records (30-day period),
- When a student is a dependent of a person on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is waiting for the transfer of records from a previous school, or
- When a student fits the definition of homeless or in foster care, a student can provisionally enroll for 30 days if acceptable evidence of vaccination is not available.

Refer to 25 TAC §97.66 and §97.69 for complete information regarding provisional enrollment.

Go to <u>www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school/forms</u> for a provisional enrollment flowchart and a provisional enrollment dosing schedule.

#### (3) Conscientious

Enter the number of students who have an official Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience affidavit form from DSHS on file.

You must have the notarized original form on file at your school. The exemption affidavit is valid for two years from the notarized date.

**NOTE:** House Bill (H.B.) 1586, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, passed and amended <u>Health and Safety Code §161.0041</u>. DSHS revised the Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 97, §97.62 Exclusions from Compliance and §97.64 Required Vaccinations for Students Enrolled in Health-related and Veterinary Courses in Institutions of Higher Education. DSHS now posts a blank immunization exemption affidavit form on the <u>Texas Immunization Exemption</u> page for a person to download and submit to their child-care facility, school, or institution of higher education, including health-related or veterinary courses. A person can still request DSHS mail them the form.

#### (4) Medical

Enter the number of students who have a valid medical exemption on file with your school. A medical exemption is not a conscientious exemption.

The student's physician (M.D. or D.O.) must sign the medical exemption statement. The medical exemption must state that, in the physician's opinion, the required vaccine is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household. Unless the written statement specifies that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

**NOTE:** Report students with a history of illness of varicella in Column 6: History. Do not count them as a medical exemption.

#### (5) Delinquent

Enter the number of students who are delinquent with vaccination requirements. Delinquent students are those not up-to-date on their immunizations; do not have the required immunizations for their age; do not qualify for provisional enrollment; or do not have a valid medical or conscientious exemption on file.

Do not include students already accounted for in Columns 1 through 4.

**NOTE:** <u>25 TAC Rule §97.66</u> mandates that schools exclude delinquent students from attendance until immunization records are provided verifying the administration of all required doses.

#### (6) History

Enter the number of students with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) infection. Acceptable documentation of infection is a written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease, or of varicella immunity, per <u>25 TAC §97.65</u>.

Do not include students accounted for in Columns 1 through 5.

#### (7) <u>Totals</u>

Add each line for each vaccine. The total for every vaccine must equal the total enrollment for the specified grade level in Line b. The number in Column 7 must equal the same number for each vaccine since it is the total number of students enrolled for that reported grade.

**NOTE:** As you enter your report online, automatic data validations will check the accuracy of your data.

#### **Additional Information**

#### **All Schools**

- Fill out all required fields for the report. If there are no students in a particular category or if the category is not applicable to you, place a zero in the box.
- If your facility only has grades above seventh grade, your facility is only required to complete Section 1 of this report.
- If you have access to a computer software program that calculates your Annual Report of Immunization Status, do not send the computerized printout to DSHS. Instead, use your printout to complete the Annual Report of Immunization Status online.
- Do not select "submit" until you have finalized the data for all grades. Contact us at (800) 252-9152 or email <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> if you submitted your information before all the data is entered.
- Carefully review your report before you submit it. Once submitted, you cannot make changes. Check to ensure you entered all numbers correctly and check the calculations.
- It is very important you keep a copy of your report for your records. You can print a summary report after submitting your data online.
- Verify you see the message indicating that your ARIS has been finalized. To the right of your facility address you should see "All Immunizations have been finalized" in red text. If you do not see this message, select "Submit Annual Report" in CHRS Step 2.

#### **Public School Districts**

This report must include your total district numbers for all requested grades. Do not submit a separate report for each kindergarten and seventh grade school in your district.

#### **Charter School Districts**

Submit only one report per charter school district. Charter school district reports must reflect all campuses assigned to each charter school district as organized in the Texas Education Agency's AskTED database, at tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/tea.askted.web/Forms/Home.aspx.

#### **Private Schools**

If you received more than one report and the forms have different facility ID numbers, contact us immediately by phone at 800-252-9152 or by email at <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a>. Do not combine different reports.

For Catholic diocese schools, submit the reports with information specific to the school's name listed. Do not submit the diocese total.

# Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Report Preparation**

- Q1: Why do I need to select a button indicating I am reporting immunization data for kindergarten and seventh grade, kindergarten only, or seventh grade only?
- A: Some school users submitted immunization data for only one grade but intended to enter immunization data for both grades after the report was fully submitted.
- Q2: Why don't I have the option to report pre-kindergarten data?
- A: The Annual Report of Immunization Status no longer collects pre-kindergarten immunization data.
- Q3: How should I answer the question that asks for the "Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with grades kindergarten or seventh?"
- A: This number reflects the number of physical campuses in your public school district, charter school district, or private school with this grade level. Diocese schools should not report diocese totals. This also applies to the kindergarten and seventh grade data tables (Table 1 and Table 2).
- Q4: I see the question that states, "Total number of students with a conscientious exemption for all vaccines." What does this mean?
- A: This question refers to the number of students that have a conscientious exemption affidavit on file and are exempt from all required vaccines. This number is a subset of the previous question (number of students with an exemption to one or more vaccines) and should be a smaller number. Some children may not have an immunization record on file. Others may have an incomplete record on file.
- Q5: Some of my students have conscientious exemption affidavits with all vaccine categories checked (i.e., "exempt from all vaccines") but also have an immunization record on file indicating that they meet some of the vaccine requirements (e.g., three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). How should I categorize these students on the report?
- A: If a student has received all the doses of a required vaccine and has an exemption on file for that vaccine, count this student in the number for the up-to-date total in Column 1 for that vaccine. For example, if a student received three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine and had

a vaccine exemption for all required vaccines, the student would be included in the total number of students who are up-to-date in Column 1 for Hepatitis B vaccine and the student would be counted in Column 3, conscientious exemptions, for all the other vaccines. Include this student in the total number of students with a conscientious exemption for at least one vaccine (c).

## Q6: I see the question (2g, 3g) that asks for the total number of students without an immunization record. What does this mean?

A: Document the total number of students in this grade level that do not have an immunization record or an exemption on file. Include these students in the counts of delinquent students in Column 5. Do not include provisionally enrolled students in Column 5.

#### Q7: Is the "Delinquent" column (5) for all my students who do not have a shot record on file?

- A: This is for students that are out of compliance and considered delinquent. In some cases, these students may be counted as "without a shot record" in 2g, 3g. The following scenarios are examples, but this is not a complete list:
  - The student was provisionally enrolled but did not receive the necessary doses of vaccine or did not present an immunization record within the allotted time and is now delinquent.
  - The student has not received the required vaccines and does not have a valid conscientious or medical exemption on file.
  - A student has a conscientious exemption that has expired.
  - A student's immunization record is not up-to-date (i.e., missing vaccine doses).

# Q8: How do I complete the column labeled "Students with a History of Illness" for varicella (chickenpox)?

A: 25 TAC §97.65 allows students with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) illness to satisfy the varicella school entry requirements. Count a student enrolled with a documented history of varicella (chickenpox) illness only in the "Students with a History of Illness" Column 6.

#### **Report Submission**

- Q1: I am a new user for my school and do not have a user ID or password. How do I get this information?
- A: Follow the steps in the Create New Account in IAMOnline section of this report packet.
- Q2: I do not have a password, or I forgot my password. How do I get a new one?
- A: Select 'Forgot Password?' link on the <u>IAMOnline sign-in page</u>. Follow the instructions on IAMOnline to reset the password. Visit the <u>IAMOnline Help Page</u> for assistance with log in issues. Contact the Help Desk at 512-438-4720 or 855-435-7181 (toll-free), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., CT, Monday to Friday for additional assistance.
- Q3: If my password worked last year, why won't it work this year?
- A: Beginning School Year 2025-2026, CHRS transitioned to the <u>IAMOnline</u> system for access management. If you were a previous user in CHRS, check your email spam folder for a communication from <u>Do Not Reply IAMOnline@partner.hhs.texas.gov</u>. Visit the <u>IAMOnline Help Page</u> for assistance with log in issues. Contact the Help Desk at 512-438-4720 or 855-435-7181 (toll-free), 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., CT, Monday to Friday for additional assistance.
- Q4: Once logged into the system, I entered my Contact Information and clicked "Save." The system will not allow me to answer the next two questions: "Total number of students with a conscientious exemption" and "Total school enrollment K-12."
- A: You must go back and select "Edit", enter the totals for both questions, and then select "Save" again.
- Q5: I accidentally clicked submit before my report was complete. How can I complete my report?
- A: Please email <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> and DSHS staff will unlock the report for you. Include your Facility ID and district or school name in the email.

# **Final Submission Checklist**

Enter all immunization data for the school year listed on the Annual Report. Electronically enter the immunization data between the last Friday in October and the second Friday in December. Ensure your facility's immunization data reflects the current school year.
Verify that your school's name, school address, and Facility ID are correct (located on the mailing address page in the lower right-hand side).
Ensure all your contact information is complete and accurate with your name, title, phone number, and email. We may need to contact you with questions or concerns.
Ensure you correctly answer questions F and G at the top of your report. F must reflect the number of students in K-12 with at least one conscientious exemption on file. G must reflect your district's total K-12 enrollment.
In Table 1 and Table 2, ensure that the number of students with an exemption to all vaccines (2d, 3d) is included in the number of students with an exemption to at least one vaccine (2c, 3c).
Verify you entered all data for kindergarten and seventh grade. If your facility does not have kindergarten or seventh grade, you should only complete Section 1.
Once you have verified all information is complete and accurate, submit your report.
Print a copy of your completed report for your records and select "submit" at the bottom.
Verify you see the message indicating that your ARIS has been finalized. To the right of your facility address you should see "All Immunizations have been finalized" in red text. If you do not see this message, select "Submit Annual Report" in CHRS Step 2.

Contact the Immunization Section at 800-252-9152 or <a href="mailto:chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov">chrs.loginhelp@dshs.texas.gov</a> if you have additional questions.



## 2025-2026 Annual Report of Immunization Status

Note: Submit this report by Friday, December 13, 2025.

#### Section 1: public school district/charter school district/private school information

(All Schools Must Complete Section 1)

(A) Name of Public School District / Charter School District / Private School	
(B) Facility ID Number	
(C) Mailing Address	
(D) Name and Title of Person Completing Form	
(E) Email and Phone Number	
Complete items F and G for your public school distri	ict / charter school district / private school.
(F) What is the total number of K - 12 students in your conscientious exemption?	our public school district / charter school district / private school with at least one
(G) What is the total enrollment number of $K-12$ stu	idents in your public school district / charter school district / private school?

SECTION 2. Table 1: Kindergarten
2a. Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with kindergarten
2b. Total enrollment for kindergarten
2c. Total number of kindergarten students with an "Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience" affidavit for at
least one vaccine (must not be more than "G")
2d. Of the students included in 2c, how many have an "Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience" affidavit for
all required vaccines?
2e. Total number of kindergartners with a medical exemption for at least one vaccine
2f. Of the students included in 2e, how many have a medical exemption for all required vaccines?
2g. Total number of kindergarten students without an immunization record. (Do not include students with an exemption.)
2h. Total number of kindergarten students provisionally enrolled for at least one vaccine. (Do not include students from 2c, 2d,
2e, 2f, and 2g.)

Columns 1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 m	ust total Colu	ımn 7				
Vaccine	Number of Students Up-To-Date  *If a student has required documentation on evidence of immunity or prior history of disease of measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A, include them as up-to-date.	Number of Students Provisionally Enrolled	Number of Students that are Exempt with Official State of Texas Form	Number of Students that are Exempt with a Statement from a Health Care Provider	Number of Students Out of Compliance	Number of Students with a History of Illness  *If a student has received varicella vaccine and has a documented history of illness, include the student in column 6 ONLY.	(7) Total from Columns 1 – 6 (2b)
	(1) Up-to-Date	(2) Provisional (2h)	(3) Conscientious (2c)	(4) Medical (2e)	(5) Delinquent (2g)	(6) History	
DTaP							
Hepatitis A							
Hepatitis B							
MMR (2 doses)							
Polio							
Varicella							

SECTION 2. Table 2: Seventh grade						
3a. Total number of schools in your public school district/charter school district/private school with seventh grade						
3b. Total enrollment for seventh grade						
3c. Total number of seventh grade students with an "Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience" affidavit for at least one vaccine (must not be more than "F")						
3d. Of the students included in 3c, how many students have an "Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience" affidavit for all required vaccines?						
3e. Total number of seventh grade students with a medical exemption for at least one vaccine						
3f. Of the students included in 3e, how many have a medical exemption for all required vaccines?						
3g. Total number of seventh grade students without an immunization record (Do not include students with an Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience affidavit)						
3h. Total number of seventh grade students provisionally enrolled for at least one vaccine (Do not include students from 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, and 3g)						

Columns 1, 2, 3,	, 4, 5, and 6 MUST tot	al Column 7					
Vaccine	Number of Students Up-To-Date *If a student has required documentation on evidence of immunity or prior history of disease of measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or hepatitis A, include them as up-to-date.	Number of Students Provisionally Enrolled	Number of Students that are Exempt with Official State of Texas Form	Number of Students that are Exempt with a Statement from a Health Care Provider	Number of Students Out of Compliance	Number of Students with a History of Illness  *If a student has received varicella vaccine and has a documented history of illness, include the student in column 6 ONLY.	(7) Total from Columns 1 – 6 (3b)
	(1) Up-to- Date	(2) Provisional (3h)	(3) Conscientious (3c)	(4) Medical (3e)	(5) Delinquent (3g)	(6) History	
Tdap/Td							
Hepatitis A							
Hepatitis B							
MMR							
Polio							
Varicella							
Meningococcal							

#### 2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

#### **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level							
(Attention to notes and	Grades K - sixth	Grade seventh	Grade seventh Grad		Grades eighth-12th		-12th	Notes
footnotes)	K 1 2 3 4 5 6	7	8	9	10	) 11	12	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/			ose thin	For K – sixth grade: five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, four doses meet the requirement if the fourth dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, three doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday.				
Pertussis(DTaP/DTP/DT/ Td/Tdap)								For seventh grade: one dose of Tdap is required if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*
								For eighth – 12th grade: one dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.  **Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.
Polio	Four doses or three doses							For K-12th grade: four doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday.1 However, three doses meet the requirement if the third dose was received on or after the fourth birthday.1 Polio vaccine is not required for persons eighteen years of age or older.
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <sup>2</sup> (MMR)	Two doses							For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹ Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with two doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement
Hepatitis B²		Three doses						For students aged 11 – 15 years, two doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a three dose series is required.
Varicella <sup>2, 3</sup>		Two doses						For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday.¹
Meningococcal (MCV4)		One dose					For seventh – 12th grade, one dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th¹ birthday.	
Hepatitis A²	Two doses							For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday.¹

NOTE: Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

- <sup>1</sup>Receipt of the dose up to (and including) four days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.
- <sup>2</sup>Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.
- <sup>3</sup> Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

Information on exclusions from immunization requirements, provisional enrollment, and acceptable documentation of immunizations may be found in §97.62, §97.66, and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code, respectively and online at dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school

#### **Exemptions**

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements which clearly state a medical reason exists that the person cannot receive specific vaccines, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health.

Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at dshs.texas.gov/immunization/school/exemptions. The original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school.

For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician must be submitted to the school. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

#### **Provisional Enrollment**

All immunizations must be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. Student must not be overdue for the next dose in a series to be considered provisional. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school.

A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Additional guidelines for provisional enrollment of students transferring from one Texas public or private school to another, students who are dependents of active duty military, students in foster care, and students who are homeless can be found in the TAC, Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.66 and 97.69.

#### **Documentation**

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. Validation includes a signature, initials, or stamp. An immunization record generated from an electronic health record must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp, along with the vaccine name and vaccination date (month, day, and year). An official record generated from a health authority is acceptable. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state is acceptable.



#### 2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Childcare and Pre-k Facilities

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements for childcare facilities by the Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

A child shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a childcare facility in Texas.

Age at which child must have vaccines to be in compliance:	Minimum Number of Doses Required of Each Vaccine												
	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis (DTaP)	Polio	Hepatitis B (HepB) <sup>1</sup>	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) ²	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>3</sup>	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) <sup>1,4</sup>	Varicella <sup>1, 4, 5</sup>	Hepatitis A (HepA) <sup>1, 4</sup>					
Zero through two months													
By three months	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose								
By five months	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses								
By seven months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses								
By 16 months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose						
By 19 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose						
By 25 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	One dose					
By 43 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	Two doses					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

<sup>3</sup> If the PCV series is started when a child is seven months of age or older or the child is delinquent in the series, then all four doses may not be required. Please reference the information below to assist with compliance:

- · For children seven through 11 months of age, two doses are required.
- For children 12 23 months of age: if three doses have been received prior to 12 months of age, then an additional dose is required (total of four doses) on or after 12 months of age. If one or two doses were received prior to 12 months of age, then a total of three doses are required with at least one dose on or after 12 months of age. If zero doses have been received, then two doses are required with both doses on or after 12 months of age.
- Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, an additional dose is required. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive PCV vaccine.

<sup>4</sup> For MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A vaccines, the first dose must be given on or after the first birthday. Vaccine doses administered within four days before the first birthday will satisfy this requirement.

<sup>5</sup> Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of child) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." The written statement will be acceptable in place of any, and all varicella vaccine doses required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A complete Hib series is two doses plus a booster dose on or after 12 months of age (three doses total). If a child receives the first dose of Hib vaccine at 12 - 14 months of age, only one additional dose is required (two doses total). Any child who has received a single dose of Hib vaccine on or after 15 - 59 months of age is in compliance with these specified vaccine requirements. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive Hib vaccine.

Information on exclusions from immunization requirements, provisional enrollment, and acceptable documentation of immunizations may be found in §97.62, §97.66, and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code, respectively and online at https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school.

#### **Exemptions**

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements which clearly state a medical reason exists that the person cannot receive specific vaccines, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem).

Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health. Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at www.dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school/exemptions.

The original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school. For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician must be submitted to the school. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

#### **Documentation**

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. Validation includes a signature, initials, or stamp. An immunization record generated from an electronic health record must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp, along with the vaccine name and vaccination date (month, day, and year). An official record generated from a health authority is acceptable. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state is acceptable.



Texas Department of State Health Services • Immunization Section • MC-1946 • P. O. Box 149347 • Austin, TX 78714-9347 • 800-252-9152

Stock No. 6-15

Rev. 02/2025