



EARLY LEARNING CENTER - IMMUNIZATION POLICY

* This policy will not apply to the 2019 summer session.

* The policy will begin with the 2019 fall session and will apply to all students, both returning and new.

PURPOSE

The ELC serves students ages 6 months - Pre-Kindergarten. Our students are more vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases until they are old enough to receive the needed vaccinations. The purpose of this policy is to help protect the students at the ELC from vaccine-preventable diseases.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Each child enrolled must meet applicable immunization requirements specified by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or have a waiver from a physician. All immunizations required for the child's age must be completed by the date of admission.

DOCUMENTATION

Families must provide acceptable documentation of student vaccination at the time of enrollment and at least 1 week prior to attending the Early Learning Center. Families must provide updates to ELC records as new vaccines are administered.

EXCEPTIONS

The UBC ELC reserves the right to enroll a child provisionally and to allow the child to attend for up to one calendar month if written documentation is provided by the child's doctor stating that the child has received at least one immunization in each series of vaccines required based on the age of the child. The child's doctor must also state when the remaining required immunizations will be completed.

The UBC ELC will accept an exemption for one or more vaccinations for medical reasons as an exception to our immunization policy. The family must provide the ELC with a certificate signed by a physician (M.D. or D.O.), registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, which states that, in the physician's opinion, the immunization required would be injurious to the child's health and well-being or to any of the child's family or household members. Unless a lifelong

condition is specified, the certificate is valid for one year from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed every year for the exclusion to remain in effect.

The UBC ELC will not accept exemptions from immunizations for reasons of conscience as an exception to our immunization policy.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ELC STAFF

Each ELC staff member must have received the following vaccinations, as well as any others recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or have a medical waiver from a physician. All immunizations required must be completed and documentation provided by the first day of work and annually, thereafter, if recommended by the CDC.

- Tdap (once, no matter when the most recent Td was given)
- MMR (2 doses for persons born after 1989; 1 dose for those born in or after 1957)
- Polio (OPV or IPV in childhood)
- Hepatitis B (3-dose series)
- Varicella (2 doses or had the disease)
- Influenza (annually)
- Pneumococcal Vaccine (if older than 49 years)

DOCUMENTATION

ELC staff members must be examined by a physician (M.D. or D.O.), registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, and provide the ELC with a completed and signed Staff Health Assessment Form.

EXCEPTIONS

The UBC ELC will accept an exemption for one or more vaccinations for medical reasons as an exception to our immunization policy. The staff member must provide the ELC with a certificate signed by a physician (M.D. or D.O.), registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, which states that, in the physician's opinion, the immunization required would be injurious to the staff member's health and well-being or to any of their family or household members. Unless a lifelong condition is specified, that certificate is valid for one year from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed every year for the exclusion to remain in effect.

The UBC ELC will not accept exemptions from immunizations for reasons of conscience as an exception to our immunization policy.

In addition to this immunization policy, the ELC will develop and maintain a routine schedule of cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting its facilities in order to further aid in the protection of children against the spread of disease.