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Helping Parents Meet School Immunization Requirements

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC), section 3313.671, requires students have proof of up-to-date immunizations on file with the school in order to attend. According to the ORC, students that do not show proof of immunization within 14 days of the start of the school year may not remain in school. In Montgomery County, 50% of students do not have record of required vaccines by the start of the school year. This means over 10,000 students need vaccines (and/or proof of vaccines) within the first 15 days of the start of class. This unnecessary emergency causes a bottleneck for schools and healthcare providers.

Best Practices the Healthcare Provider can utilize to help increase compliance:

- ❖ Ensure all your patients receive recommended immunizations on-time
 - Assess and administer needed vaccines at all visits (well, sick, and follow-up).
 - Utilize prompts in Electronic Medical Records (EMRs.)
 - Employ use of standing orders for patients needing a catch-up schedule.
 - Update all vaccines before signing work, camp, and sports physical forms.
 - Conduct reminder and recall activities. This is the #1 strategy for increasing demand.
 - Conduct appointment reminders and recall patients with missed appointments
 - Conduct reminders for patients with vaccines coming due.
 - Use the EMR to conduct "Immunization Campaigns" which can reach all patients (not just those with appointments). Target school age children in the spring and summer before the back-to-school rush.
- ❖ Provide records of immunizations given
 - **Give parents a copy of the vaccine record at each visit.** Educate parents on the importance of maintaining the record and the need to turn in to the school.
 - Participate in the state immunization registry, ImpactSIIS. Enroll here:
<https://odhgateway.odh.ohio.gov/Impact/Public/ProviderInfo.aspx>
 - ImpactSIIS records doses administered-files can be uploaded electronically.
 - Records can be viewed by the school nurse.
 - Under HIPAA (45 C.F.R. § 164.512(b)) health care providers are permitted to disclose immunization records, without a written authorization, to public health authorities that are authorized by law to collect such information.
 - Schools are identified specifically in section 164.521(b)(1)(vi).
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/164.512> Verbal authorization is sufficient.
- ❖ Stay current on State school immunization requirements
 - School requirements updated annually:
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/bid/immunization/imunchsc.aspx>
 - Did you know? 7th grade students are required to have Tdap **not** Td. They are also required to have Meningococcal Conjugate (A, C, W, and Y) Vaccine (MCV4) **not** Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine. A 2nd MCV4 dose is required prior to 12th grade.