

Chicken Pox Epidemic Policy

Pursuant to Ohio law, a school may deny admission to a student who is exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement. To deny admission to a pupil, the director of the state department of health will notify the School Leader that a chicken pox epidemic exists in the school's population. A chicken pox epidemic is defined as the occurrence of cases of chicken pox in numbers greater than expected in the school's population or for a particular time.

Once the director of health notifies the School Leader that the epidemic no longer exists, the School may no longer deny admission to a student exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement.

A student may be exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement if:

1. The student has had natural rubeola and presents a signed statement from the student's parent, guardian or physician to that effect and is not required to be immunized against rubeola.
2. The student has had natural mumps and presents a signed statement from the student's parent, guardian or physician to that effect and is not required to be immunized against mumps.
3. The student has had natural chicken pox and presents a signed statement from the student's parent, guardian, or physician to that effect and is not required to be immunized against chicken pox.
4. The student presents a written statement of the student's parent or guardian, in which the parent or guardian declines to have the student immunized for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, is not required to be immunized.
5. A student whose physician certifies in writing that such immunization against any disease is medically contraindicated is not required to be immunized against that disease.

To ensure academic status of students denied admission during a chicken pox epidemic, the school will ensure students denied admission are provided with all course work during such absence to be turned in upon return to school. Access to instructors will be available via the telephone, email, or other electronic manner. If the parent or guardian of the student is unable to pick up such course work or the student is otherwise unable to access work, the student will have time equal to the time off school to complete such course work. The student will be permitted to make-up all missed tests and quizzes.