

# 2023-24 IMMUNIZATION FAQS

## If I need assistance with immunizations, who can I call or where can I go?

In addition to your child's primary care physician, the following are other immunization resources

- School-Based Health Clinics: Call 901-842-2379 or text 'SCS901' to 91999. Appointment Only. Call for hours and locations.
- Shelby County Health Department Locations: Appointments preferred. Walk-Ins welcome and no child will be denied services due to lack of insurance or inability to pay.

#### Why do I have to get my child immunized?

(Locations and phone numbers listed on the back of this page.)

State law and Memphis-Shelby County Schools policy both require proof of required immunizations for all students in all grades except in the case of documented religious exemption or medical certification. Visit **scsk12.org/registration/immunizations** for a list of required immunizations.

#### What should I do if I receive notification that my child is not fully immunized?

Follow up with your health care provider and ask for a current Tennessee Certificate of Immunization. You can also go to the Shelby County Health Department to get the required immunizations. Once completed, bring a copy to your child's school and ensure you keep original copy for your records.

## How long will I have to return the most current immunization information to the school site?

If you receive notification from the school your child is not fully immunized, parents will have 10 days to return the documentation to the school site.

## What is the process if I don't have the documentation returned to the school in 10 days?

If the proper immunization documentation is not provided to the school by the 10th day, you will receive a final immunization notice. If documentation is not provided to the school by the date indicated on the final notice, the student will be withdrawn and cannot attend school until the parent provides the required documentation.

## Will my child be enrolled if I and my family are homeless?

Yes! Students identified as homeless must be immediately enrolled and permitted to attend school. However, students in a homeless status are still strongly encouraged to get immunizations. The school should contact the SEED Office at 901-416-6007 for assistance.

#### What is the process for military families who are transferring into MSCS for the first time?

In accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, students of military parents/legal guardians/custodians who enroll or transfer into school for the first time or at any time shall be given 30 days from the date of enrollment or the time determined by the Interstate Commission to obtain immunization or initial vaccinations for a series of immunizations.

#### Will my child be excluded from school if immunizations interfere with my religious beliefs?

No. Parents/guardians of students with religious beliefs who do not wish to have students immunized should provide signed documentation indicating vaccines interfere with religious beliefs.

#### Can my child enroll and attend school if they have medical exemptions for vaccines?

Yes! Students with medical exemptions on the immunization certificate can register and enroll with a current immunization certificate when medical exemptions are specified by a physician or medical provider.

# SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS: NO CHILD WILL BE DENIED SERVICES DUE TO LACK OF INSURANCE OR INABILITY TO PAY. WALK-INS WELCOME. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPOINTMENTS.

Hickory Hill Clinic 6590 Kirby Center Cove Memphis, TN 38115 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays 8am-1pm 901-222-9980

Immunization Clinic 814 Jefferson Ave., Room 216 Memphis, TN 38105 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 901-222-9980

Millington Clinic 8225 Highway 51 N. Millington, TN 38053 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 901-222-9980 Shelby Crossing Clinic 1826 Sycamore View Rd. Memphis, TN 38134 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 901-222-9980

Southland Mall Clinic 1215 Southland Mall (inside mall) Memphis, TN 38116 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9am-1pm 901-222-9980

Cawthon Clinic 1000 Haynes Memphis, TN 38114 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm 901-222-9980

VISIT SCSK12.ORG/REGISTRATION/IMMUNIZATIONS FOR A LIST OF REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS.