**RULELouisiana Department of Health**

**Office of Public Health**

Public Health Immunization Requirements

LAC 51:701

Under the authority of R.S. 40:4 and 40:5, and in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the state health officer, acting through the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health (LDH/OPH), hasamended and recodified parts of Chapter 7 of Title 51—Public Health Immunization Requirements.

This rule amends §701 of Chapter 7 of Title 51—Public Health Immunization Requirements. The amendments add vaccines for SARS-CoV-2 to the list of required vaccinations for school entry to the extent that such vaccines are approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the individual’s age, and also require such vaccines, and all potential boosters, on the same basis for school attendance.

**§701. Immunization Schedule**

**[formerly paragraph 2:025]**

A. The Office of Public Health (OPH) will determine the Louisiana immunization schedule, with appropriate immunizations for age using the current immunization schedule from the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practice (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Compliance for school and day care center entry will be based on the individual having received an appropriate number of immunizations for his/her age of the following types:

1. vaccines which contain tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, including Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT), Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis (DTaP), Tetanus and Diphtheria (Tdap), Tetanus Toxoid (TT) or combinations which include these components;

2. polio vaccine, including Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV), or combinations which include this component;

3. vaccines which contain measles antigen, including Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and combinations which include these components;

4. vaccines which contain hepatitis antigen, including Hepatitis B (HepB), Hepatitis A (HepA), and combinations which include these components;

5. vaccines which contain varicella antigen, including varicella and combinations which include this component.

6. vaccines which contain meningococcal antigen and combinations which include this component.

7. vaccines for severe acute respiratory syndrome- coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes Coronavirus Disease 2019, also known as COVID-19), or variants thereof, to the extent that such vaccines have been fully approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for the individual’s age.

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E. Notwithstanding anything in this Section or Code to the contrary, and in addition to any other requirements of law, each individual entering or attending any school within the state in-person shall present to such school satisfactory evidence of having received vaccination(s) in accordance with the dosing schedule, including any booster doses recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), set forth in the applicable Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for severe acute respiratory syndrome-coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19), or known variants thereof, to the extent that such vaccines have been fully approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for the individual’s age. Satisfactory evidence that administration of such vaccinations is in progress will satisfy this requirement. Each school in this state shall prohibit in-person attendance of any individual not vaccinated as required by this subsection, unless the individual submits a written statement from a physician stating that such vaccination is contraindicated for medical reasons, or the individual or his parent or guardian submits a written dissent. Each school in this state shall maintain records showing compliance of each attending individual with the requirements of this subsection. As used in this subsection, the term “school” shall include, but is not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, kindergartens, colleges, universities, proprietary schools, vocation schools, and licensed day care centers.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:4(A)(2), R.S. 40:5(A) and R.S. 40:31.15. Also see R.S. 17:170, R.S. 22:1030, and R.S. 44:17.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, LR 28:1221 (June 2002), amended LR 38:1252 (May 2012), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 45:670 (May 2019), amended LR 46:590 (April 2020), amended by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 47: