

1 **Charlo School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Immunization

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7 The Board requires all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against the
8 following diseases: varicella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles
9 (rubeola), mumps, rubella, and tetanus in the manner and with immunizing agents approved by
10 the department. Haemophilus influenza type “b” immunization is required for students under
11 age five (5). Upon initial enrollment, an immunization status form shall be completed by the
12 student’s parent or guardian. The certificate shall be made a part of the student’s permanent
13 record.

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15 A student who transfers into the District may photocopy immunization records in the possession
16 of the school of origin. The District will accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization.
17 Within thirty (30) days after a transferring student ceases attendance at the school of origin, the
18 school shall retain a certified copy for the permanent record and send the original immunization
19 records for the student to the school district to which the student transfers.

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21 Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reasons upon certification by
22 a licensed or certified health care provider in a manner provided by Section 20-5-405, MCA.
23 Exemptions for religious reasons must be filed in a manner provided by Section 20-5-405, MCA.
24 The statement for an exemption shall be maintained as part of the student’s immunization record
25 in accordance with FERPA as specified in Policy 3600P.

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27 All students who are enrolled under an exemption and have a disease listed in this Policy, have
28 been exposed to a disease listed in this Policy, or may be exposed to a disease listed in this
29 Policy while attending school may be excluded from the school by the local health officer or the
30 DPHHS until the excluding authority is satisfied that the student no longer risks contracting or
31 transmitting that disease.

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33 The administrator may allow the commencement of attendance in school by a student who has
34 not been immunized against each disease listed in Section 20-5-403, MCA, if that student has
35 received one or more doses of varicella, polio, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, diphtheria,
36 pertussis, and tetanus vaccine, except that Haemophilus influenza type “b” vaccine is required
37 only for children under 5 years of age.

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39 The District shall exclude a student for noncompliance with the immunization laws and properly
40 notify the parent or guardian. The local health department may seek an injunction requiring the
41 parent to submit an immunization status form, take action to fully immunize the student, or file
42 an exemption for personal or medical reasons.

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44 This policy does not apply to or govern vaccinations against COVID-19. The Board does not
45 require immunization against COVID-19 in order to enroll in the District in accordance with
46 Montana law. District officials shall not inquire about the COVID-19 vaccination status of
47 students, employees, or visitors. District officials shall not make decisions regarding access to

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4 District services for students, employees, or visitors based upon an individual’s COVID-19
5 vaccination status. Students enrolled in dual credit courses in accordance with District policies
6 may be subject to distinct immunization requirements of the applicable post-secondary
7 institution.
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9 Legal Reference:	§ 20-3-324(20), MCA	Powers and duties
10	§ 20-5-402 - 426, MCA	Health
11	§ 20-5-403, MCA	Immunization required – release and
12		acceptance of immunization records
13	§ 20-5-405, MCA	Exemptions
14	Chapter 418	2021 General Legislative Session
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