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Summary of State Regulations of Immunization in North Carolina¹

| Venue | State Law |
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| Public Schools K-12 | Children are required by G.S.130A-152 to receive different vaccines by the time they enroll in kindergarten ² . These six vaccinations protect against ten different diseases. ³ Refer to 10a NCAC 41a .0401 for dosage and age requirements for immunization. ⁴ |
| Child Care Facilities | Child care centers, like schools, have to know the immunization status of the children in their care as required by G.S.130A-152. This information not only protects other children but also the center's staff from harmful and deadly vaccine-preventable diseases. It is the responsibility of the child care operator to maintain the immunization histories of all children in their care in an effort to protect everyone who walks in that center's door. ⁵ Refer to 10a NCAC 41a .0401 for dosage and age requirements for immunization. ⁶ |
| Colleges/Universities | Students attending a college or university, whether public, private or religious, are required by G.S.130A-152 to present a Certificate of Immunization or a record of immunization from a high school located in North Carolina. For out-of-state students, a Certificate of Immunization or high school immunization record indicating that the person has received immunizations is required to attend a college or university in North Carolina. ⁷ Refer to 10a NCAC 41a .0401 for dosage and age requirements for immunization. ⁸ |
| Long-term Care Facilities | G.S. 131D-9 requires that an adult care home must require residents and employees to be immunized annually against influenza virus and shall require residents to also be immunized against pneumococcal disease. |

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| | Upon admission, an adult care home shall notify the resident of the immunization requirements of this section and shall request that the resident agree to be immunized against influenza virus and pneumococcal disease. ⁹ . |
| Prisons | None |
| Disaster Locations | G.S. 130A-485 requires that the Department and local health departments must offer a vaccination program for first responders who may be exposed to infectious diseases when deployed to disaster locations. The vaccinations shall include, but are not limited to, hepatitis A vaccination, hepatitis B vaccination, diphtheria-tetanus vaccination, influenza vaccination, pneumococcal vaccination, and other vaccinations when recommended by the United States Public Health Service and in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Directors Policy. Immune globulin will be made available when necessary, as determined by the State Health Director ¹⁰ . |
| Recreational/Cultural Facilities | None |

Source:

NC General Assembly website at www.ncga.state.nc.us

For more information:

See <http://www.immunizenc.com/Default.htm>

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¹ G.S.130A-152 - Immunization required.

G.S.130A-153 - Obtaining immunization; reporting by local health departments; access to immunization information in patient records; immunization of minors.

G.S.130A-154 - Certificate of immunization.

G.S.130A-155 - Submission of certificate to child care facility, preschool and school authorities; record maintenance; reporting.

G.S.130A-155.1 - Submission of certificate to college or universities

G.S.130A-156 - Medical Exemption

G.S.130A-157 - Religious Exemption

Article 17 - Childhood Vaccine-Related Injury Compensation Program (See 130A-422 through 130A-434)

² NC General Statute (G.S.) 130A-440 require parents to present a Certificate of Immunization to the school principal for each child attending school - public, private or religious - on the first day of attendance. All children entering kindergarten in public schools are required to present the completed Kindergarten Health Assessment Report on or before the first day of attendance.

³ NC General Statutes (G.S. 130-A-152(a)) require immunizations for every child present in this state. Every parent, guardian or person in loco parentis is responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) receive required immunizations.

⁴ NC Administrative Rule 10a NCAC 41a .0401 <http://ncrules.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2010a%20-%20health%20and%20human%20services/chapter%2041%20-%20epidemiology%20health/subchapter%20a/10a%20ncac%2041a%20.0401.html>

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⁶ NC Administrative Rule 10a NCAC 41a .0401

⁷ G.S. 130A-155.1 requires persons attending a college or university, whether public, private or religious, to present a Certificate of Immunization or a record of immunization from a high school located in North Carolina. For out-of-state students, a Certificate of Immunization or high school immunization record indicating that the person has received immunizations is required to attend a college or university in North Carolina.

⁸ NC Administrative Rule 10a NCAC 41a .0401

⁹ G.S. 131D-9. requires residents and employees of adult care homes to be immunized annually against influenza virus and shall require residents to also be immunized against pneumococcal disease.

¹⁰ G.S. 130A-485. requires the Department of Health and Human Services and local health departments to offer a vaccination program for first responders who may be exposed to infectious diseases when deployed to disaster locations.