



DC Health & OSSE Key Grade Immunization Compliance Award

School Year 2025–2026



Dear Administrators and School Health Staff:

As we approach the end of the 2025–2026 School Year, DC Health and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to increasing the immunization rates of the students at your school. These activities are crucial to protect your students from vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough.

We are pleased to recognize your school for achieving **Key Grade Immunization Compliance Award** during the 2025–2026 School Year. This annual award recognizes your school's commitment to health and wellness in the context of preventing vaccine-preventable diseases among their students. Your school achieved this award by reaching 95% compliance in the key grades, Pre-K 3, Kindergarten, 7th, and 11th, by February 28, 2026. The award is a digital emblem that your school can display on your webpage to demonstrate your achievement.

How is a school's immunization compliance determined?

All District of Columbia schools undergo routine assessment throughout the school year for immunization compliance. This is done in accordance with DC regulations and is conducted by DC Health's Immunization Division. Vaccination compliance is determined by the percentage of students who are up to date with their immunizations ([DC Law 3-20](#)).



How can a school use best practices to achieve or maintain Excellence in Immunization Compliance?

- Generate your school's compliance report using the Immunization Compliance Portal (ICP) to identify and monitor non-compliance. If you need help getting access to or using the ICP contact helpdesk.dociis@dc.gov.
- Provide outreach to parents/guardians of students who are coming due for immunizations.
- Send notification letters using the ICP to parents, including during the summer break, to give parents/guardians time to have their children vaccinated before the 2026–2027 School Year begins.
- Ensure newly received paper immunization records are entered into the appropriate data system. If you need guidance on how to enter these records, contact helpdesk.dociis@dc.gov.
- Communicate with administrators, school health staff and registrars to emphasize the importance of immunization and sharing that message with parents/guardians.

If you would like technical assistance on strategies that other local education agencies (LEAs) and schools have used to boost immunization rates please contact OSSE's Health and Wellness Division at OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to working with you to improve the overall health of students of the District.