

800.2 Immunizations

All children attending Catholic parish preschools must meet Georgia state standards for immunization. A current 3231 vaccination form should be on file before the child enters the program, and no child shall continue enrollment in the preschool for more than 30 days without such evidence.

Religious Exemption

Catholic doctrine does not support an exemption from immunization based upon a matter of conscience/religious exemption. For this reason, religious exemptions are not accepted in parish preschool programs.

Medical Exemption

The medical exemption is applicable when a child has a long-term condition that contraindicates immunization. Parents requesting a medical exemption from immunization must provide a detailed explanation of the child's condition as documented by his pediatrician. The Archdiocese of Atlanta reserves the right to obtain a second opinion. The medical exemption must be renewed annually.

Delayed/Alternative Vaccination Schedules

Parents whose children are on a delayed or alternative vaccination schedule must submit documentation from the child's pediatrician indicating the reason for the delay/alternative schedule and the vaccination schedule that will be followed.

Epidemic, Outbreak, Exposure

In the event of a contagious disease epidemic, outbreak or exposure, children with medical exemptions or delayed/alternative vaccination schedules will be required to remain at home until their health and safety is no longer at risk.