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Information on Student Immunization Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has issued a 30-day window within which transferring students and students in foster care must present evidence of full immunization runs from the point that the student is presented for registration, regardless of when that point is, and the thirty days run even during non-school days. To support registration, parents or guardians must present proofs of residency, date of birth, *and immunization*.

Thus, for example, if a transferring child is presented for registration on August 16, leaving 15 days before the start of the school term on September 1, and if the child has all of the required proofs *except* proof of immunization, he or she could be admitted to school for up to the first fifteen days of the new term—until September 15—without having to produce the proof of immunization. After that, in the absence of the required proof, he or she would have to be excluded.

But the 30-day timeline only has meaning if part of the thirty days includes school days. If, for example, the transferring child is presented for registration on July 15 and does not present proof of immunization within thirty days, he or she would nonetheless be admitted to school if the parents produced that proof—however late—*prior* to the first day of the school term. In other words, the failure to meet the 30-day deadline would not affect school attendance if, prior to the conclusion of the summer recess, the parent or guardian cured the defect by producing the required documentation.