



**Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment**
Immunization Section

**CO HB 14-1288, "CONCERNING INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING
PERSONAL BELIEF EXEMPTIONS TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR CHILDREN PRIOR TO ATTENDING SCHOOL"**

Dear Immunization Partners:

[Colorado House Bill 14-1288](#) was signed on May 21, 2014 by Governor Hickenlooper and will take effect on July 1, 2014. Several provisions are outlined in this bill that requires action on the part of schools^[1] and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Per HB-1288, "each school shall make the immunization and exemption rates of their enrolled student population publicly available, upon request." CDPHE is diligently making progress towards implementation of several requirements that will also affect schools. Below is a brief summary of CDPHE's progress to date.

CDPHE Requirement	Implementation Progress
The State Board of Health (BOH) shall promulgate rules regarding: - An on-line immunization learning module that is available to the public - The frequency of submission of exemption forms	CDPHE Immunization staff has made a request for a BOH briefing and hearing for the learning module and the frequency of exemptions as soon as the BOH schedule allows. We anticipate that the briefing will occur late summer/early fall and the hearing will occur in early 2015. The creation of the educational module is in process.
CDPHE, in consultation with other state departments, shall establish a joint policy on	CDPHE Immunization staff has initiated discussions with the Colorado Department of

immunization data collection and sharing.	Education and the Colorado Department of Human Services to discuss ways to share immunization data as well as support schools with meeting the requirement to make immunization and exemption rates available.
CDPHE shall provide assistance to schools with the analysis and interpretation of the immunization data.	CDPHE Immunization staff is developing initial guidance for schools that will help them determine their immunization and exemption rates for 2014 and early 2015. Beyond this, CDPHE is also working on a long-term plan to provide greater support and technical assistance for schools. CDPHE expects to have this initial guidance drafted and disseminated to schools by July 1, 2014.

Much work is left to be done and CDPHE will provide periodic updates on our progress toward the requirements listed above. Please stay tuned for additional information and feel free to share this email to your networks.

Sincerely,
CDPHE Immunization Section

^[1] Defined as a public, private, or parochial nursery school, day care center, child care facility, family child care home, foster care home, Head Start program, kindergarten, or elementary or secondary school through grade twelve, or a college or university. "School" does not include a public services short-term child care facility as defined in section 26-6-102 (6.7), C.R.S., a guest child care facility as defined in section 26-6-102 (5), C.R.S., a ski school as defined in section 26-6-103.5 (6), C.R.S., or college or university courses which are offered off-campus; or are offered to nontraditional adult students, as defined by the governing board of the institution; or are offered at colleges or universities which do not have residence hall facilities.

