Requirements/Provisions of GS 130A

Immunization Required - Every child in the state shall be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomelitis, red measles (rubeola) and rubella and any other disease determined by the Commission to be in the interest of public health. Every parent, person or agency with legal custody of a child shall have the responsibility to ensure that the child has received the required immunization at the age required by the Commission.

Obtaining Immunization The required immunization may be obtained from a physician licensed to practice medicine or from a local health department.

Certificate of Immunization - A physician or local health department administering a required vaccine shall give a certificate of immunization to the person who presented the child for immunization. The certificate shall state the name of the child, the name of the child's parent/guardian, the date of birth of the child, the sex of the child, the number of doses of the vaccine given, the date the doses were given, the name and address of the physician or local health department administering the required immunization.

Submission of Certificate to School Authorities—No child shall attend a school (K-12) unless a certificate of immunization indicating that the child has received the immunizations required by GS 130A-152 is presented to the school. The certificate must be presented on the child's first day of attendance to the principal by the child's parent, guardian or responsible person. If a certificate of immunization is not presented on the first day, the principal shall present a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian or responsible person. The parent shall have 30 calendar days (unless doses given at medically approved intervals require more than 30 days) from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunization for the child. Upon termination of 30 calendar days (or the extended period), the principal shall not permit the child to attend school unless the required immunization has been obtained.

Medical Exemption - A physician licensed to practice medicine in this state may certify that an immunization may be detrimental to a child's health.

North Carolina Administrative Code Requirements/Provisions:

- (a) Every individual in North Carolina required to be immunized pursuant to GS 130A-152 through 130A-157 shall be immunized against the following diseases by receiving the specified minimum dose of vaccines by the specified ages:
 - (1) Diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough—Five doses—three doses by age one year and two booster doses, one in the second year of life and the second one on or after the fourth birthday and before enrolling in school (K-10 for the first time);
 - (2) Oral poliomelitis vaccine Three doses of trivalent type by age two years and a booster dose of trivalent type on or after the fourth birthday and before enrolling in

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- school (K-1) for the first time; or one dose or each of the three monovalent types by age two years and a dose of trivalent type after the fourth birthday and before enrolling in school (K-1) for the first time;
- (3) Measles (rubeola) vaccine One dose of live, attenuated vaccine by age two years;
- (4) Rubella vaccine -- One dose of live, attenuated vaccine by age two years;
- (5) Mumps vaccine One dose of live, attenuated vaccine by age two years.
- (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) of this regulation:
 - (1) An individual who has attained his or her seventh birthday without having been immunized against whooping cough shall not be required to be immunized with a vaccine preparation containing whooping cough antigen;
 - (2) An individual who has been documented by serologic testing to have a protective antibody titer against rubella shall not be required to receive rubella vaccine;
- (3) An individual who has been diagnoses by a physician licensed to practice medicine as having measles (rubeola) disease shall not be required to receive measles vaccine:
 - (4) An individual attending school who has attained his or her 18th birthday shall not be required to receive oral polio vaccine;
 - (5) The requirements for mumps vaccine and for booster doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough vaccine and oral poliomelitis vaccine shall not apply to individuals who enrolled for the first time in the first grade before July 1, 1987;
 - (6) Individuals who receive the first booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough vaccine on or after the fourth birthday shall be required to have a second booster dose. Individuals who receive the third dose of oral poliomyelitis vaccine on or after the fourth birthday shall not be required to receive a fourth dose.

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