

## Vaccination Policy

Cheder Chabad of Baltimore is a licensed childcare facility ages 6 weeks - 5 years. We are required by the Office of Childcare through MSDE that **all children must be fully vaccinated as per [DHMH COMAR 13A.15.03.02](#) to be able to attend our program.**

Our elementary and middle school divisions **likewise must follow MSDE regulations** due to receiving government funding.

A child may not attend our school if no vaccines are given.

Cheder does not accept religious exemptions. Medical exemptions will be reviewed and approved by Cheder's medical consultants.

The following policies are based on instructions received from the Office of Childcare and Cheder's medical board:

### **What do I do if my child is currently behind on the required vaccinations, or when I am applying for the first time?**

- If a child has the first dose of all age-appropriate vaccines, the child may attend school as long as the child has submitted a schedule on an official letter from the child's doctor. *The schedule must be submitted and approved before the child joins the program.*
- If a child does not yet have the first dose of all age-appropriate vaccines, the child must receive these and have an approved vaccine schedule before attending school.
- The vaccine schedule must ensure that the child will be fully up to date with their vaccines before entering kindergarten (Elementary school).

- Each vaccine may be scheduled ***a maximum of 3 months apart***. If the child is 4 or older, the vaccine schedule may require 6-week intervals in order to ensure they are fully up to date.
- Once the schedule is approved, ***it may not be modified***. It is the parents' responsibility to adhere to the schedule and provide updated immunization records to the school. It is not the school's responsibility to remind parents of their obligations.
- If a child is unwell and not able to receive their scheduled vaccine the child must receive the vaccine before returning to school.

#### **What if a parent has a medical need to delay vaccines or a medical exemption?**

- If there is a bonafide medical need to delay vaccines, or a medical reason why a child cannot have one or more vaccines, parents must submit an official letter from a specialist who is treating your child for the condition or concern prompting the request for a delay or exemption.
- This letter must include the medical reasons why the exemption or delay are required, and will need to be reviewed and approved by the Cheder's medical board.

#### **What happens in the event of a breakout?**

All children without appropriate vaccinations, including delayed, scheduled and medical waivers may not attend school during a breakout, and will not be able to return unless they are fully vaccinated, or the health department confirms the breakout is over.