

## ARCHIVE: COVID-19 Superintendent Call

July 10, 2020

The following are questions asked by directors of schools during this call and the answers provided by the department. For additional guidance and up-to-the-minute supports, please check the TDOE website for more information:

<https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>.

### Vaccinations

- Question: Are all students required to have up to date vaccinations? Are schools required to keep a proof of vaccinations document in student files?
  - **Response:** The Immunization of School Children law has not changed, and immunization requirements are still in effect. Schools keep the records in their SIS but, also, use the department of health's Tennessee Immunization Information System (TennIIS). Kindergarteners and other children enrolling in school for the first time must provide schools with a complete official certificate before starting school. That certificate must be signed by their provider or be verified in TennIIS. The only exceptions are for homeless students, per McKinney-Vento.