

**4604.0700 SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAWS.**

A. The commissioner of health shall suspend one or more of the immunization requirements in parts 4604.0100 to 4604.1000 or in Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15 or 135A.14, if the commissioner determines that suspension of the requirement is necessary to address a vaccine shortage or other emergency situation statewide or in a portion of the state.

B. In determining whether suspension of the requirement is necessary to address a vaccine shortage or other emergency situation and in determining the portion of the state for which suspension is necessary, the commissioner shall consider the following factors:

- (1) the availability of the vaccine;
- (2) the inability to comply with the law due to a natural or man-made disaster; or
- (3) the ability to fulfill the commissioner's general duties under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.05.

C. The commissioner shall suspend a requirement for the length of time needed to remedy the vaccine shortage or emergency situation. If the commissioner suspends a requirement under this part, the commissioner shall publish notice of the suspension on the Department of Health's Web page and mail notices to all affected elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools, child care facilities, and providers.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 121A.15; 135A.14*

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