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FAQs: EPID-230 and EPID-230A Forms

The following guidance is based on [902 KAR 2:060. Immunization schedules for attending child day care centers, certified family child care homes, other licensed facilities which care for children, preschool programs, and public and private primary and secondary schools.](#)

Q.1. What is the EPID-230 form?

The [EPID-230 Commonwealth of Kentucky Certificate of Immunization Status \(6/2017\)](#) is an official document used to record a child's immunization history in Kentucky. It includes details such as the child's name, birth date, parent or guardian information and a list of immunizations given with corresponding dates. The form is required for enrollment and must be submitted to the school or child care facility for the child to attend. It should be kept on file with the child's health record. It may be obtained from the [KYIR Public Portal - Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#), your local health department or your child's medical provider.

Q.2. What is required for an EPID-230 form to be considered valid?

The EPID-230 form must clearly document the child's immunization status, include an expiration date, and be signed by the child's licensed medical provider (MD/DO, APRN, PA, local health department nurse or another health professional delegated by the provider), unless the form was printed directly from the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR). According to [902 KAR 2:060](#), a completed EPID-230 form must contain the following: The name and birthdate of the child; the name of the parent or legal guardian; the address of the child, including street, city, state, and ZIP Code; the type(s) of vaccine(s) administered; the date that each dose of vaccine was administered; certification that the child is current for immunizations until a specified date, including a statement that the certificate shall not be valid after the specified date; the printed name, ink or electronic signature, and date and the name, address, and telephone number of the healthcare provider practice, pharmacy, local health department, or licensed health care facility issuing the certificate.

Q.3. Does an EPID-230 form require a signature?

Yes. A signature is required unless it is printed directly from the KYIR Public Portal.

Q.4. If a child's KYIR-printed EPID-230 form shows "not up to date" and has an expiration date that doesn't reflect ACIP guidance, can the health care provider correct it by hand?

In limited cases (such as when a dose is due, but the child is still within the recommended age range for that dose per ACIP guidelines) the provider may make corrections only to reflect that the child is in compliance. This includes:

- Drawing a single line through the "Not up to date" checkbox and the expiration date next to it
- Marking the "Compliant" checkbox
- The provider writes in the correct expiration date (e.g., the date of the child's 18-month birthday)
- Initialing, signing, and listing credentials in a blank space near the bottom of the form

This practice is acceptable only when the child meets the immunization requirements under 902 KAR 2:060 and ACIP guidelines and should not be used to make other changes to the certificate. If there are any questions about whether a corrected certificate is valid, please contact the KYIR Helpdesk.

Q.5. What is the EPID-230A form?

The [EPID-230A Commonwealth of Kentucky Parent or Guardian's Declination on Religious Grounds to Required Immunizations](#) is used if the child has NEVER received any vaccines and a parent or legal guardian is formally objecting to vaccinating their child based on religious beliefs. It is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian and notarized to be considered valid. It is required to be submitted at the time of enrollment in a school or child care setting.

Q.6. Is the EPID-230 form required to be submitted along with the EPID-230A form when enrolling?

- No. If the child has NEVER received any vaccines in their lifetime, only the notarized EPID-230A form is required.
- Yes. If the child has ever received any vaccines, including at birth, both the EPID-230 and an EPID-230A form must be submitted. The EPID-230 record shows which vaccines the child has received and helps public health officials assess potential immunity related information during disease outbreaks.

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Q.7. Can a notary public from another state notarize the EPID-230A form?

Yes. Per [KRS 423.110](#) Kentucky accepts EPID-230A forms notarized by a notary public from any U.S. state, as long as the notary public was authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed, is actively commissioned at the time of notarization and all required certificate elements are included.

Q.8. Can any other person in Kentucky notarize the EPID-230A?

Yes. In Kentucky, a county clerk has the legal authority to perform notarial acts, including notarizing the EPID-230A form. According to [KRS 423.340](#), a county clerk has the same powers as a notarial officer when carrying out official duties within their county, and their actions do not require the signature or presence of a notary public.

Q.9. Can the EPID-230A form be notarized electronically?

Yes. Per [KRS 423.355](#) an online notary public may attest or witness signatures as part of an electronic notarization, as long as the notarization meets all Kentucky legal requirements.

Q.10. What must be included by the notary public to ensure that the EPID-230A certificate is valid?

The certificate must include the notary public's name, title, jurisdiction, commission number and commission expiration date to be considered valid.

Q.11. Does the EPID-230A form expire?

No. The EPID-230A form does not have an expiration date, however, the child's immunization status should be reviewed at specified times per regulation and an updated EPID-230A should be provided by the parent or legal guardian if:

- The parent or legal guardian has objections, based on religious grounds, to any new disease or diseases not originally indicated on the completed EPID-230A sworn before a notary public.
- The parent or legal guardian has rescinded the objection, based on religious grounds, to some immunizations as indicated on the completed EPID-230A sworn before a notary public.
- There is an approved regulation revision indicating such action.

A notary's signature from any state on a document does not expire, but their commission (their official authorization to act as a notary public) does. As long as the notary public was actively commissioned at the time of signing and notarizing the document, their signature remains legally valid and remains enforceable.

Q.12. If a parent or legal guardian submits both the EPID-230 and EPID-230A forms and the EPID-230 expires, is it required to get an updated EPID-230?

No. If the notarized EPID-230A is valid and reflects a religious objection to all remaining vaccines, a new EPID-230 is not required.

Q.13. Is a photocopy of the notarized EPID-230A form acceptable?

No. Only the original notarized EPID-230A form is acceptable for submission to schools or child care facilities.

Q.14. Can someone other than the parent or legal guardian complete and sign the EPID-230A form?

No. Only the parent or legal guardian of the child may complete and sign the EPID-230A form in the presence of a notary public. The form must be properly notarized to be valid.

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