

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

3/09

**NEW FOR 09/10 SCHOOL YEAR

AGE:	4 Years and Under	5 Thru 6 Years Kindergarten	7 Years Old and Over
DPT DtaP DT/Td/Tdap	Minimum of 4 doses 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday <u>needed by 5 years old</u>	Minimum 5; Unless 4 th dose is on or after 4 th birthday	Minimum 3; 1 on or after 4 th birthday **7th Grade Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 1 booster within last 5 years or as soon as the 5 years interval has passed. 9th grade entry: 1 dose Td/Tdap within last 6 years
OPV IPV POLIO	Minimum 3; 1 on or after 4 th birthday <u>needed by 5 years old</u>	Minimum 4; Unless 3 rd dose is on or after 4 th birthday	Minimum 3; 1 on or after 4 th birthday (Not required for age 18 and over)
MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA MMR	Minimum 1; 1 st dose on or after 1 st birthday (2 nd measles or MMR <u>needed by 5 years old</u>)	**Kindergarten Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 2 doses of MMR with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday	Minimum 2; 1 st dose on or after 1 st birthday
HEPATITIS A SERIES	Need 2 doses	**Kindergarten Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 2 doses with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday.	Recommended
HEPATITIS B SERIES	Need 3 Doses	Need 3 Doses	Need 3 Doses
HIB	1 Dose after 15 months or primary series with a booster after 1 st birthday		
PNEUMOCOCCAL PCV7, PREVNAR	1 Dose on or after 1 st birthday		
VARICELLA (chickenpox)	1 Dose on or after 1 st birthday or written proof of having had chickenpox	**Kindergarten Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 2 doses received on or after the 1st birthday (or written proof of having had chickenpox)	1 Dose (Need 2 if receiving after 13 years old) **7th Grade Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 2 doses received on or after the 1st birthday (or written proof of having had chickenpox)
MENINGOCOCCAL			**7th Grade Entry for 09/10 School Year: Must have 1 dose

Frequently Asked Questions for 2009/2010 New Vaccine School Requirements

- Q. What are the new vaccine requirements and why are they being added?
- A. Five new vaccine requirements have been added and the vaccines effected are Hepatitis A, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, and Meningococcal. The changes to the requirements were made in order to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements so that they adhere more closely to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.
- Q. When will the new changes for school requirements be effective?
- A. The new school requirements will be effective August 1, 2009. From 3/5/09 through 7/31/09 the present rules will remain in effect.
- Q. What if a student had a previous illness of the varicella disease (chickenpox), will they still need the vaccine?
- A. No. If a student has had chickenpox, they will not need to receive the vaccination. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease (chickenpox), or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.
- Q. What if a student is entering 7th grade and it has been less than 5 years since the last tetanus-containing vaccine, will they still need the Tdap vaccination?
- A. Students in the seventh grade will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8 through 12 will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap vaccine if it has been 10 years since their previous dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis vaccine exists, i.e., a child has had a previous reaction to pertussis vaccine.
- Q. What if a child already has two doses of measles-containing vaccine and only one dose of rubella, will they still need to get a second dose of MMR or will they need to start over and get two doses of MMR?
- A. No. Students in grades 1 through 12 will remain compliant under the present MMR requirement. Only those students entering kindergarten to start the 2009/2010 school year will need to have two doses of MMR.

