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To: School Personnel
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Re: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR - UPDATE

This communication is to clarify immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a preschool or childcare program operated by a school.

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KS_Imm_Regs_for_School_and_Childcare.pdf

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. Booster dose of **Tdap** required at age 11.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** four doses required. Three doses acceptable if dose 3 given on or after the 4th birthday.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella:** two doses required.
- **Hepatitis B:** three doses required through grade 9.*
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** two doses required for Kindergarten; one dose required grades 1-9* unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently *recommended* by the ACIP for all ages.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** three doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in preschool or childcare operated by a school
- **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7):** four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in preschool or childcare operated by a school
- **Hepatitis A:** two doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in preschool or childcare operated by a school

*All students will be required to have 3 doses of Hepatitis B and 2 doses of varicella for the 2010-2011 school year.

Detailed immunization requirements by age group are listed on the 2-6-09 version of the Kansas Certificate of Immunization (KCI). http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

In addition to the immunizations required for school entry listed above, the 2009 ACIP recommendations also include the following for school children:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** one dose *recommended* for ≥ 11 years of age; not required for school entry
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** three doses *recommended* for females ≥ 11 years of age; not required for school entry
- **Influenza:** yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages ≥ 6 months of age; not required for school entry

The complete ACIP recommendations can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm>

Efforts by schools have been central to the success of public health efforts in eliminating vaccine preventable diseases. Thank you for this success.