

Important Update from the School Nurse

Changes in the Immunization Requirements for 2011-12 School Entry into Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 7.

Recent regulatory changes to school entry prekindergarten (PK), kindergarten, (K) and Grade 7 immunization requirements will be effective August 1, 2011. These new requirements bring the Connecticut immunization requirements into agreement with national recommendations.

Hepatitis A Requirement for PK and K

Effective Aug 1, 2011, all students born on or after January 1, 2007, who are enrolled in PK or K must show proof of having received two (2) doses of hepatitis A vaccine given at least six months apart with the first dose given on or after the student's first birth date.

Influenza Requirement for PK

Effective January 1, 2012, and each January 1 thereafter, children aged 24-59 months enrolled in PK are required to receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between August 1 and December 31 of the preceding year. All children aged 24-59 months who have not received vaccination against influenza previously should receive two doses of vaccine the first influenza season that they are vaccinated.

Children enrolling between January 1 and March 31 are required to receive influenza vaccine prior to entry. Children enrolling after March 31 during any given year are not mandated to meet the influenza vaccine requirement until the following January, as the influenza season has generally passed by this date and vaccine may no longer be available.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Requirement for PK and K

Effective August 1, 2011, all students born on or after January 1, 2007, enrolled in PK and K who are less than 5 years of age, must show proof of having received one dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine given on or after the student's first birth date.

Second Dose Varicella Requirement of K and Grade 7 School Entry

Effective August 1, 2011, all students entering K and Grade 7 must show proof of having received two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine.

Second Dose Rubella and Mumps Requirement for Grades K-12 School Entry

Effective August 1, 2011, all students in Grades K-12 must show proof of having received two (2) doses of rubella and mumps containing vaccines.

Adolescent Tdap Vaccine Requirement for Grade 7 Students

Effective August 1, 2011, all Grade 7 students must show proof of having received a Tdap booster vaccine.

Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) Requirement for Grade 7 Students

Effective August 1, 2011, all Grade 7 students must show proof of having received a dose of meningococcal vaccine.