



## WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT

### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **National Immunization Awareness Month – Is Your Child Ready for School?**

**August 13, 2009** (Williamson County) –

August is National Immunization Awareness Month and it's a great reminder to make sure your child is up-to-date on their immunizations, so there aren't any surprises on that first day of school – especially with the new requirements for kindergarteners and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Changes include:

**Hepatitis A Vaccine:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten, statewide, will be required to have 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten will be required to have two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

**Varicella Vaccine:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine. 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.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap):** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering the seventh grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine. 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 8-12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their previous dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.

**Meningococcal Vaccine:** Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

The following is a quick reference chart showing what your child needs based on the grade he or she will be entering:

### **3 year olds and 4 year olds (PRE K)**

4 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT  
3 doses of Polio  
1 dose of MMR on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
1 dose of HIB on/after 15 months **OR** 3 doses with the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose given on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, and at least 2 months since dose #2  
1 dose of \*PCV7 on/or after 24 months of age **OR** 4 doses of PCV7 with one given after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
3 doses of Hepatitis B  
1 dose of Varicella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (if the child has NOT had chickenpox)  
2 doses of Hepatitis A on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (must allow 18 months between doses)  
✓ HIB and PCV7 not routinely administered to children > 5 years of age.

### **Kindergarten**

5 doses of DTP, DTaP, DT with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 4 doses if one dose is on/after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
4 doses of °Polio with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
2 doses of MMR on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
3 doses of Hepatitis B  
2 doses of Varicella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (if the child has NOT had chickenpox)  
2 doses of Hepatitis A on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (must allow 18 months between doses)

### **First Grade – Sixth Grade**

5 doses of ^DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 4 doses if one dose is on/after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
4 doses of ^°Polio with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
2 doses of Measles, 1 dose Mumps and 1 dose Rubella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
3 doses of ⚡Hepatitis B  
1 dose of Varicella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (if the child has NOT had chickenpox)  
✓ Ages 7 years and older, 3 doses of DTP containing vaccine.

### **Seventh Grade**

3 doses of ^DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, one dose of Tdap is required within the last 5 years. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.  
4 doses of ^°Polio with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
2 doses of Measles, 1 dose Mumps and 1 dose Rubella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
3 doses of ⚡Hepatitis B  
2 doses of #Varicella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (if the child has NOT had chickenpox)  
1 dose of Meningococcal

### **Eighth Grade – Twelfth Grade**

3 doses of ^DTP, DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, one dose of Tdap is required within the last 10 years. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.  
4 doses of ^°Polio♦ with one on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday **OR** 3 doses if one dose is on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday  
2 doses of Measles, 1 dose Mumps and 1 dose Rubella on/after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
3 doses of ⚡Hepatitis B  
1 dose of #Varicella on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday (if the child has NOT had chickenpox)

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements in Title 25 Health Services, §§ 97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code and does not list all exceptions or variations. Please take your child's complete vaccine record to your provider to ensure appropriate vaccine administration.

If your child is in need of immunizations, we encourage you to call your physician and make an appointment. WCCHD clinics in Taylor (phone 238-2121), Round Rock (phone 248-3257), Cedar Park (phone 260-4240), and Georgetown (phone 943-3640) provide immunizations to children that are uninsured or underinsured. Contact the clinic nearest you to schedule an appointment or come in during one of our "walk in" immunization days.

We encourage all adults to make sure you are up-to-date as well. Williamson County is still in a pertussis outbreak and you should receive a Tdap vaccine as long as it has been two years since your last Td. The CDC is also strongly encouraging anyone with high risk factors for pneumonia including smoking, diabetes and asthma get a pneumococcal vaccine.

For more information on immunization requirements go to <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm>. To learn more about WCCHD immunization clinic hours or other available programs visit *your public health department* at [www.wcchd.org](http://www.wcchd.org).