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RE: TEXAS MINIMUM STATE VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Dear School and/or Child-care Official:

Vaccines have been one of the most successful public health accomplishments. It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it. Vaccines prevent disease in the people who receive them and protect those who come into contact with unvaccinated individuals. Vaccines help prevent infectious diseases and save lives. Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country, including polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella (German measles), mumps, tetanus, and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib). With this in mind it is important to make sure all children attending your facility are in compliance with the vaccine requirements.

On July 15, 2011, the Executive Commissioner on Health & Human Services approved revisions to the "Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in Texas Public and Private Schools" [Title 25, Health Services, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, §97.63, and Subchapter D, §97.101 and §97.102, Texas Administrative Code] and repealed Subchapter J, §97.221.

These revisions do not substantively change the immunizations required for child care or school entry. Instead, the changes were made in order to clarify the state immunization requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations and to provide a more "easy to understand" format for the immunization requirements for child-care facilities.

For a summary of the child-care facility requirements for immunizations, please see the attached *2011-2012 Texas State Vaccine Requirements for Child-Care Facilities* (stock number 6-15). This document may also be requested via our website using our online ordering system at: <https://secure.immunizetexasorderform.com/default.asp>.

Please contact the Immunization Branch Customer Service number at (800) 252-9152 if you have questions or need further information about school and child-care immunization requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Sims".

Jack Sims, Manager
Immunization Branch

Attachment

cc: Amy Schlabach, School Compliance Coordinator, Immunization Branch
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2011-2012 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Child-Care Facilities



This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

Child's age at entry into child-care, early childhood programs, or pre-kindergarten	Minimum Number of Doses Required of Each Vaccine							
	DTaP	Polio	Hep B	Hib	PCV	MMR	Varicella	Hep A
0 through 2 months	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
3 months through 4 months	1 Dose	1 Dose	1 Dose	1 Dose	1 Dose	None	None	None
5 months through 6 months	2 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses	None	None	None
7 months through 15 months	3 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses**	3 Doses***	None	None	None
16 months through 18 months	3 Doses	2 Doses	2 Doses	3 Doses**	4 Doses***	1 Dose*	1 Dose*	None
19 months through 24 months	4 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses**	4 Doses***	1 Dose*	1 Dose*	None
25 months through 42 months	4 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses**	4 Doses***	1 Dose*	1 Dose*	1 Dose*
43 months but before Kindergarten entry	4 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses	3 Doses**	4 Doses***	1 Dose*	1 Dose*	2 Doses*

* For MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A vaccines, the first dose must be given on or after the first birthday.

** A complete Hib series is two doses plus a booster dose on or after 12 months of age (three doses total). If a child receives the first dose of Hib vaccine at 12-14 months of age, only one additional dose is required (two doses total). Any child who has received a single dose of Hib vaccine on or after 15 months of age is in compliance with these specified vaccine requirements.

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*** If the PCV series is started when a child is seven months of age or older, then all four doses are not required.

- For children seven through 11 months of age, two doses are required.
- For children 12-23 months of age: if three doses have been received prior to 12 months of age, then an additional dose is required (total of four doses) on or after 12 months of age. If one or two doses were received prior to 12 months of age, then a total of three doses are required with at least one dose on or after 12 months of age. If zero doses have been received, then two doses are required with both doses on or after 12 months of age.
- Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, one additional dose is required.

Vaccines:

DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough); record may show DT or DTP

IPV: Inactivated Polio virus

Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine

MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines combined

Hep B: Hepatitis B vaccine

Hep A: Hepatitis A vaccine

Varicella: Chickenpox vaccine

PCV: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Requisitos de vacunación mínimos estatales de Texas de 2011-2012 para guarderías



Este gráfico resume los requisitos de vacunación incorporados en el título 25, Servicios de Salud, §§97.61-97.72, del Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC). El gráfico no tiene como propósito sustituir las consultas al TAC, el cual contempla otras disposiciones y detalles. El Código de Recursos Humanos, capítulo 42, concede la autoridad de establecer requisitos de inmunización al Departamento Estatal de Servicios de Salud de Texas.

Edad del niño al entrar en una guardería, programa de primera infancia o prekínder	Número mínimo de dosis requeridas de cada vacuna							
	DTaP	Polio	Hep B	Hib	PCV	MMR	Varicella	Hep A
0 a 2 meses	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna
3 meses a 4 meses	1 dosis	1 dosis	1 dosis	1 dosis	1 dosis	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna
5 meses a 6 meses	2 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna
7 meses a 15 meses	3 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis**	3 dosis****	Ninguna	Ninguna	Ninguna
16 meses a 18 meses	3 dosis	2 dosis	2 dosis	3 dosis**	4 dosis****	1 dosis*	1 dosis*	Ninguna
19 meses a 24 meses	4 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis**	4 dosis****	1 dosis*	1 dosis*	Ninguna
25 meses a 42 meses	4 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis**	4 dosis****	1 dosis*	1 dosis*	1 dosis*
43 meses pero antes de entrar al kínder	4 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis	3 dosis**	4 dosis****	1 dosis*	1 dosis*	2 dosis*

* Para las vacunas de MMR, de varicela, y de hepatitis A, debe administrarse la primera dosis en o después del primer cumpleaños.

** Una serie completa de Hib consiste en dos dosis más una dosis de refuerzo en o después de los 12 meses de edad (tres dosis en total). Si los niños reciben la primera dosis de la vacuna Hib de los 12-14 meses de edad, se requiere sólo una dosis adicional (dos dosis en total). Los niños que han recibido una dosis única de la vacuna Hib en o después de los 15 meses de edad cumplen con estos requisitos de vacunación especificados.

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*** Si se empieza la serie de PCV cuando los niños tienen siete meses de edad o más, no se requieren las cuatro dosis.

- Para los niños de siete a 11 meses de edad, se requieren dos dosis.
- Para los niños de 12-23 meses de edad: si han recibido tres dosis antes de los 12 meses de edad, se requiere una dosis adicional (un total de cuatro dosis) en o después de los 12 meses de edad. Si recibieron una o dos dosis antes de los 12 meses de edad, se requiere un total de tres dosis con al menos una dosis en o después de los 12 meses de edad. Si han recibido cero dosis, se requieren dos dosis con ambas dosis en o después de los 12 meses de edad.
- Los niños de 24 meses a 59 meses de edad cumplen con el requisito si llevan al menos tres dosis con una dosis en o después de los 12 meses de edad, o dos dosis con ambas dosis en o después de los 12 meses de edad, o una dosis en o después de los 24 meses de edad. De lo contrario, se requiere una dosis adicional.

Vacunas:

DTaP: Difteria, tétanos y pertusis (tos ferina); el registro podría mostrar DT o DTP

IPV: Poliovirus inactivado

Hib: Vacuna contra la *Haemophilus influenzae* tipo b

MMR: Vacunas contra el sarampión, las paperas y la rubéola combinadas

Hep B: Vacuna contra la hepatitis B

Hep A: Vacuna contra la hepatitis A

Varicella: Vacuna contra la varicela

PCV: Vacuna neumocócica conjugada