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Dear Physicians:

On March 5, 2009, the Executive Commissioner on Health & Human Services approved several revisions to the "Immunization Requirement for Children and Students in Texas Public and Private Schools" [Title 25. Health Services, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.61 and §§97.63-97.77].

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) concurs with these changes as they allow for Texas school immunization requirements to follow more closely to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Beginning on August 1, 2009, the new changes are as follows:

Hepatitis A: All students entering kindergarten will be required to have 2 doses.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): All students entering kindergarten will be required to have 2 doses.

Varicella (Chickenpox): All students entering kindergarten and 7th grade will be required to have 2 doses. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician confirming a child's positive history of varicella disease, or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis-Containing Vaccine (Tdap): All students entering 7th grade will be required to have 1 dose only if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in 8th-12th grade 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: All students entering 7th grade will be required to have 1 dose.

Please refer to the enclosed chart detailing the new requirements and the phase-in schedule for the specific school year and grade(s). This document is available on the SAMHD website www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations and the Texas Department of State Health Services' document "Minimum state vaccine requirements for students" is available at www.immunizetexas.com. The SAMHD would appreciate your cooperation in distributing this information to educate staff and the parents of children who may fall into any of these grade levels. A link to these documents from your website would be a way to widely distribute the information.

Although not a school requirement, the SAMHD continues to recommend that females aged 11-26 years receive 3 doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for the prevention of HPV-type related cervical cancer, cervical cancer precursors and other cancers affecting both men and women.

It is essential to educate parents about these new requirements directly affecting their children. Please contact Audrey Muñoz, LVN, AAHA or Sandra Hermosa, Immunization Outreach & Education Supervisors, at 207-6917 or 207-2084, respectively, if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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NEW 2009-2010 Immunization Requirements

Grades K-12

This chart is **NOT** intended as a substitute for consulting the Texas Administrative Code, which has other provisions and details. This reflects changes only, **NOT** full requirements for grades listed and grades 1-6.

Immunization Requirements, **Beginning August 1, 2009**

Vaccines	Kinder-garten	7th Grade	8th-12th Grade	Notes	Phase-In Schedule for future School Years (SY)
Hepatitis A	2 doses			2 doses with the 1st dose received on or after 1st birthday.	<u>Applies to Hep A and MMR</u> SY 2009/10 - K SY 2010/11 - K thru 1 SY 2011/12 - K thru 2
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses			2 doses with the 1st dose received on or after 1st birthday.	SY 2012/13 - K thru 3 SY 2013/14 - K thru 4 SY 2014/15 - K thru 5 SY 2015/16 - K thru 6 SY 2016/17 - K thru 7 SY 2017/18 - K thru 8 SY 2018/19 - K thru 9 SY 2019/20 - K thru 10 SY 2020/21 - K thru 11 SY 2021/22 - K thru 12
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses	2 doses		A written statement from parent, 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.	<u>Applies to Chickenpox Only</u> SY 2009/10 - K and 7 SY 2010/11 - K thru 1, 7 thru 8 SY 2011/12 - K thru 2, 7 thru 9 SY 2012/13 - K thru 3, 7 thru 10 SY 2013/14 - K thru 4, 7 thru 11 SY 2014/15 - K thru 5, 7 thru 12 SY 2015/16 - K thru 12
Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)		1 dose	1 dose	7th grade - if it has been 5 years since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. 8th - 12th - if it has been 10 years since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.	<u>Applies to Tdap and MCV4</u> SY 2009/10 - 7 SY 2010/11 - 7 thru 8 SY 2011/12 - 7 thru 9 SY 2012/13 - 7 thru 10 SY 2013/14 - 7 thru 11
Meningococcal (MCV4)		1 dose			SY 2014/15 - 7 thru 12



To see minimum state requirements for students in grades K-12, visit: www.immunizetexas.com

To obtain an electronic copy of this chart, visit: www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations