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Dear Immunization Provider:

In accordance with State Regulation 61-8, the enclosed "Schedule of Required Vaccinations, Screening and Immunizations for School Admittance" and "Required Standards of Immunization for Day Care Attendance" will be applicable for the **2011-2012 school year**. Changes from the 2010-2011 schedule include:

- 1) The addition of ELEVENTH grade to the requirement for one (1) dose of varicella vaccine or positive history of disease.
- 2) The addition of SEVENTH grade to the requirements for four (4) doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.
- 3) A single **supplemental** dose of 13-valent pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) is strongly recommended for all children 14-59 months of age who have completed age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination with the 7-valent pneumococcal vaccine (PCV7), but is **not required** for day care attendance.

Details regarding these immunization requirements are outlined in the attached **2011-2012** schedules of required vaccines for school admittance and day care attendance.

PLEASE NOTE: The child's class enrollment (not age) determines which required standards to use – Day Care or School. Day Care Requirements apply to children enrolled in Pre K, and 4K programs, and younger, even if attendance is in a school setting. School Requirements apply to children enrolled in 5 year old kindergarten through grade 12.

Please communicate this information as extensively as you deem appropriate. Procedural and other questions may be directed to the Regional Immunization Program Manager for each Public Health Region as shown on the DHEC Immunization Webpage "contacts" tab @ <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/immunization/contacts.htm> or DHEC's Immunization Division in Columbia at 803-898-0460 or 1-800-277-4687 (1-800-27-SHOTS).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)



2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ADMITTANCE

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has declared the following schedule of required vaccinations, screenings, and immunizations necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades five year old kindergarten through twelve (5K-12).

Minimum Requirements:

<i>Vaccine for:</i>	<i>Grade Level Requirements:</i>	
	Note: Grade level requirements apply to all students entering or retained in the grades specified.	
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	Grades 5K – 7	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, DTaP, Td, or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. For unvaccinated children 7 years of age and older, three (3) doses of Td/Tdap complete the primary series.
	Grades 8 – 12	Three (3) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, DTaP, Td, or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.
Polio	Grade 5K	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated Polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. The final dose in the IPV (polio) series should be administered at 4 years of age or older, regardless of the number of previous doses.
	Grades 1– 12	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated Polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Students already enrolled in grades 1-12 are in compliance if: three (3) doses with one dose on or after the fourth birthday OR four (4) doses before the 4 th birthday.
Rubeola (Measles)	Grades 5K – 12	Two (2) doses of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least one month.
Rubella (German Measles)	Grades 5K – 12	One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
Mumps	Grades 5K – 12	One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.
Hepatitis B	Grades 5K – 12	Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.
Varicella	Grades 5K – 11	One (1) dose of Varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease.

Exemptions

Students may be exempt from these immunization requirements for the following reasons:

- Medical Contraindication:** An exemption from these immunization requirements due to a medical contraindication described on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization, signed by an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, or his/her authorized representative, may be granted to a child when the physician or osteopath has determined that a particular vaccine(s) required by this schedule is not advisable for the child. If it is determined that this particular vaccine(s) is no longer contraindicated, the child will be required to have the vaccine(s). The temporary or permanent nature of this exemption shall be noted in the appropriate spaces on the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148).
- Religious Exemption:** A South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption may be granted to any student whose parents, parent, guardian, or person *in loco parentis* signs the appropriate section of the South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption stating they are members of a recognized religious denomination in which the tenets and practices of the religious denomination conflict with immunizations.
- Special Exemptions:** A South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption, signed by the school principal or his/her authorized representative, may be issued to transfer students while awaiting arrival of medical records from their former area of residence or to other students who have been unable to secure immunizations or documentation of immunizations already received. A South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption may be issued only once and shall be valid for only thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enrollment. At the expiration of this special exemption, the student must present a valid South Carolina Certificate of Immunization or a valid South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption.

The South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption may be obtained from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The Department of Health and Environmental Control also provides blank forms of the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization to immunization providers, and blank forms of the South Carolina Certificate of Special Exemption to schools.



2011-2012 REQUIRED STANDARDS OF IMMUNIZATION FOR DAY CARE ATTENDANCE

Minimum Immunization Requirements for Day Care Attendance

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180 of South Carolina Code of Laws children less than six years of age who attend a licensed public or private child day care facility, a registered church or religious child day care facility, or child development program for K4 and younger must present to the day care facility (or school if the program is in a school setting) a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148), which assures they are "up-to-date" or "catching-up" on the childhood immunizations recommended and routinely provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

Minimum Immunization Requirements for the Final Certificate for Day Care Attendance*

Also pursuant to Section 44-29-180 of South Carolina State Law, DHEC has declared the following required standards of immunization necessary for a child to receive the immunization certificate for day care attendance in South Carolina.

Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, or DTaP vaccine.

Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated Polio vaccine.

Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

Current, age-appropriate *Haemophilus influenzae* Type b conjugate vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. For children 15-59 months of age who have not yet completed age-appropriate Hib vaccination, one (1) dose of *Haemophilus influenzae* Type b vaccine at or after 15 months of age is required.

One (1) dose of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday

One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease.

Current, age-appropriate Pneumococcal vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. ** For children aged 24-59 months who have not yet completed any age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination schedule (PCV7 or PCV13), one (1) dose of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 2nd birthday is required.

*Minimum requirements for a final certificate for day care attendance should not be confused with the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule as published by DHEC and approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

**A single supplemental dose of 13-valent pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) is strongly recommended for all children 14-59 months of age who have completed age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination with the 7-valent pneumococcal vaccine (PCV7), but is not required for day care attendance.