

CHANGES IN TEXAS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Kindergarten and 7th Grade Students

FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

RE: Vaccine Requirements

Devine ISD is releasing the new revisions signed by the Executive Commissioner on Health and Human Services on March 5, 2009. These changes include:

Hepatitis A Vaccine: Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten 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, rubella, (MMR) vaccine.

Varicella Vaccine: Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten and 7th 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 or 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 7th grade will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

Vaccines	Kindergarten	7 th Grade	Notes
Hepatitis A	2 doses		First dose on or after 1 st birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses		First dose on or after 1 st birthday
Chickenpox	2 doses	2 doses	Previous infection can substitute
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis		1 dose	If five years since last tetanus shot
Meningitis		1 dose	

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry to a school in Texas. Immunization letters are being sent out in the mail for those students requiring vaccines. Make sure to bring proof of immunization status during registration. **No student will be allowed to register for school without updated immunizations.**

Back-to-School Immunization Clinic will be offered by Medina County Health Unit on August 4, 2009 from 2-6 p.m. at the DMS Cafeteria. An additional immunization clinic will be offered Saturday, August 6, 2009 at the Devine Community Center from 9-3 p.m. Make sure to bring your child's immunization record to the clinic. Free vaccines to those children who qualify for the Texas Vaccine for Children Program(Medicaid, Chip insurance, no health insurance, American Indian, Alaskan Native, underinsured, no medical home).