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## EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007

### NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN

GAINESVILLE – The Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health has announced new requirements for immunizations for children. The new requirements go into effect on July 1, 2007 and include two new required vaccines and additional doses of two existing required vaccines.

#### TWO NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER

- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) is required for all children less than 5 years of age who are attending child care facilities, Head Start, or Pre-Kindergarten programs.
- Hepatitis A vaccine **OR** laboratory proof of immunity is required for all children born on or after January 1, 2006 and who are enrolled in any school, childcare facility, Head Start or Pre-K program.

#### ADDITIONAL DOSES ADDED FOR KINDERGARTEN, 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND NEW ENTRANTS TO GEORGIA SCHOOLS

Includes children entering Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, and new entrants into any grade K through 12. A new entrant is defined as any child entering any school or facility in Georgia for the first time or after having been absent from a Georgia facility for more than 12 months or one school year.

- Have two doses of measles vaccine, two doses of mumps vaccine, and one dose of rubella vaccine **OR** laboratory proof of immunity against measles, mumps, or rubella.
- Have two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine **OR** documentation of disease **OR** laboratory proof of immunity. *At the time your child entered school only one dose of this vaccine was required.*

Contact your health care provider to receive any needed vaccinations and to obtain the Georgia Certificate of Immunization. For more information about immunizations contact your health care provider.

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