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State Department of Education and Department of Public Health Revise Regulations Concerning Immunization Requirements for School Entry

The Connecticut State Department of Education (“SDE”) and Department of Public Health recently revised the Regulations regarding immunization requirements for school entry. Effective August 1, 2011, students must comply with several new immunization requirements prior to school entry in prekindergarten, kindergarten and seventh grade.

Among the regulatory changes are requirements that all students entering prekindergarten and kindergarten receive adequate vaccination for hepatitis A and pneumococcal diseases; students entering kindergarten and seventh grade show proof of receipt of a second dose of varicella vaccine; and students in kindergarten through twelfth grade show proof of receipt of a second dose of rubella and mumps vaccine. Further, all students attending public school prekindergarten programs must now receive the influenza vaccine during the flu season they attend such programs, and all students entering seventh grade must show proof of having received the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) booster vaccine and meningococcal vaccine.

[Click here](#) to access the SDE memorandum issued to school superintendents, medical advisors and nurse supervisors, which summarizes the new regulatory requirements. A complete list of all immunization requirements for school entry can be accessed at **http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/school_regulations_2010.pdf**.

Questions or Assistance?

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