

Rules and Regs . . . Immunizations in A Nutshell . . . AKA “The Cheat Sheet” - 2009-2010

Immunizations

- **4/5 DTaP/TD** ΔIf the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, a 5th is not needed. “4 Before, They Need One More”
Δ If the student received 6 or more doses of DTaP, regardless of spacing before the 7th birthday, no more shots are required
Δ3 TD shots if child is over 7 years old - see below.
Δ DTaP given through age 6.
- **1 Tdap/TD Booster** ΔFor all 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, Graders if at least 5 years have elapsed since their last DTaP/TD.
ΔTdap/Boostrix given for ages 10-18, one time only. Adacel given for ages 11-64.
- **4 Polio** Δ3 shots if the 3rd shot was given on/after 4th birthday.
ΔAny student with 4 or more shots is in compliance, no matter date of last shot.
ΔStudents in grades 8-12 need only 3 Polio shots.
- **2 MMR** ΔThe 1st MMR must have been given at/after 12 months of age.
- **2 Hepatitis A** ΔKindergarten – 7th Grades only.
- **3 Hepatitis B** ΔKindergarten - 10th Grades only.
- **1 or 2 Varicella/Chicken Pox or Have had the Disease** ΔKindergarten – 10th Grades only.
Δ 2 Shots are required if the first shot was given after age 13.
Δ 2 Varicella/Chicken Pox Shots are ***highly, highly recommended*** for ***everyone***.
- **1 Meningitis (Menactra)** ΔRecommended for ages 11-55.
- **3 Gardasil** ΔRecommended for girls ages 9-26.

Some Finer PointsVariation of DTaP/TD when a child is 7 years of age or older:

- A. If a student is 7 years old or older and received only **one** dose of DTaP before age 7, that child needs only **two** more doses of Td in order to be in compliance. There must be **at least** 6 months between the 2nd and 3rd doses of Td.
- B. If a student is 7 years old or older and received **two** doses of DTaP/TD, that child needs only **one** more dose of Td in order to be in compliance. There must be **at least** 6 months between the 2nd and 3rd doses.
- C. If a student is 7 years old or older and has received **three** doses or more of DTaP/TD, this student should be considered to be in compliance, **providing** the last dose was given after the 4th birthday.

Immunization Intervals:

- A. The **first** dose of **DTaP** and **Polio** can be given after the baby is **6 weeks old**.
- B. The schedule for **Hepatitis B** for **Babies** is: **first** dose can be given at **birth**; **second** dose can be given **1 month** later and the baby must be **6 months** old in order to receive the **third** dose.
- C. The **second** dose of **DTaP/TD, Polio, Hepatitis B, and MMR** can be given **1 month** after the first dose.
- D. The **second** dose of **Gardasil** is given **2 months** after the 1st dose or as earlier as **1 month**.
- E. The **third** dose of **DTaP/TD and Polio** can be given **1 month** after the second dose...unless it is the 3rd **TD** in a 3 dose series, then the interval between and 2nd and 3rd dose must be at least **6 months**.
- F. The **third** dose of **Gardasil** is given **4 months**, or as early as **3 months**, after the 2nd dose as long as there has been **6 months** since the first dose.
- G. The **fourth** dose of **DTaP/TD** can be given after **6 months** after the third dose.
- H. The **third** dose of **Hepatitis B** can be given **2 months** after the second dose, as long as there has been **4 months** after the first dose.
- I. The “Three Before Four They Need One More” rule for **Polio** applies to **all** students. But 4 before 4 is okay. In fact, 4 any time are okay, as long as the doses are separated by at least one month.
- J. The **first** dose of **Hepatitis A** needs to have been given on/after the student’s 1st birthday. The **second** dose of **Hepatitis A** can be given **6 month** after the 1st dose.
- K. The **first** dose of **Varicella/Chicken Pox** needs to have been given after **12 months** old. A student will need two doses of **Varicella/Chicken Pox** if the first dose was given after age **13**. The **second** dose can be given **1 month** after the 1st dose.

Exemptions

- Medical** A doctor's signature is required. Can be given only for a medical reason where immunizations are contraindicated. Form can only be obtained at the doctor's office. However, a doctor cannot supersede the law, by simply writing a note stating a child is up to date and does not need anymore shots.
- Religious** Must be a member of a recognized religion/church who opposes immunizations. Form can only be obtained at the local health department.
- Personal** Must sign a Personal Exemption Form obtained only from the local health department.

1. Remember that the computer printout is NOT the legal document, the pink card is the legal document.
2. Remember there is a 4 day grace period for each shot given too early, which you can change in the computer.
3. There is a 13 day grace period for the 3rd Hepatitis B Shot at age 6 months only, which you can change in the computer.
4. If the only dates you have for a vaccination is the month and year, you always enter the "15th" as the day.
5. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK TO SEE IF EACH ENTRY IS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. Correct birth date?
6. FYI: Adult Hep B, 2nd shot 1 month after 1st, 3rd shot, 5 months after 2nd shot.
7. Polio: Grades K-8 Enter on 4 Dose Line Grades 9-12 Enter on 3 Dose Line
8. Download on your computer and then make a shortcut to your desktop: Utah School and Early Childhood Program Immunization Guidebook 2009-2010, www.immunize-utah.org

Pre-School Immunization

Requirements:

- 3 DTaP
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 2 Hep A
- 3 Hep B
- 1 Varicella (Chicken Pox)**
- 1 HIB
- 1-4 Pneumococcal (Pneumonia)

However, if a student has had 2 or 3 Pneumococcal shots before 1 year's old, one more is required. If the student is 2, 3, or 4 yrs old, and has never had any Pneumonia shots, only 1 is required.

****Highly, Highly Recommended, but not required:**

- 2nd Varicella (Chicken Pox)