

Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



Topic: Summary of Nevada Immunization Requirements for Public and Private School Attendance	Bureau/Program: Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness/Immunization Program
Bulletin #: BCFCW-IZ-03-11	
Date: June 1, 2011	
To: Immunization Providers, School Nurses, County Health Officers, School District Administrators, Boards of Trustees of School Districts, and Private School Officials	
Contact: Erin Seward (775) 684-3209	

Nevada Laws Requiring Immunization of Children in Public Schools and Private Schools

UPDATED

NRS 439.550 currently states that timing and schedule of immunizations for school aged children and children in childcare should be set by the local health officer under the direction and supervision of the Health Division.

Nevada's State Health Officer, Dr. Tracey Green, is providing the direction on the timing (schedule) and number of doses for all required immunizations for school aged children.

The following immunization requirements are based on ACIP recommendations (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices). Direction provided on behalf of the state health officer is intended to create consistency (statewide) and reduce confusion for providers, parents and school districts and private schools **who must comply with the schedules.**

The new immunization requirements will go into effect for all K-12 students new to the school districts beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Changes going into effect are:

- Polio Vaccine - 1 dose of Polio Vaccine is required after the child's 4th birthday. If a 4th dose is provided prior to the 4th birthday, **it is invalid.**
- Varicella Vaccine - Second dose of Varicella is required.
- These new requirements are for children **new to a school district.** This includes children enrolling in school for the first time (kindergarten) and children who have moved from a different school district (within Nevada and to Nevada).
- ACIP's recommended ages and intervals between doses of routinely recommended vaccines are required for school entry.
- Utilize ACIP's recommended minimum age and intervals when a child is behind on required immunizations.
- Doses are only valid if they follow the ACIP's recommended ages and intervals (for "on time" or "behind" children).
- A medical exemption requires a contraindication or precaution to the receipt of a given vaccine.

Summary of Nevada Immunization Requirements
For School Attendance
These charts are based on ACIP Recommendations and Nevada Requirements;

Required Number of Doses for Children

ACIP Recommended Schedule								
Required Vaccines	2 mo. of age	4 mo. of age	6 mo. of age	12-15 mo. of age	18-24 mo. of age	4-6 yrs. of age	11-12 yrs. of age	Required prior to school entry
DTP, DT, DTaP	1	2	3	4		5*		4 or 5 (If dose #4 is given on or after 4 th birthday #5 is not needed)
Polio (IPV)	1	2	3			4		3 or 4 (If dose #3 is given on or after 4 th birthday, #4 is not needed)
MMR				1		2		2
Hep B	1	2	3					3
Varicella				1		2		2
Hep A				1	2			2
Tdap							1**	1**

Required Vaccines (For primary series administered at age 10 yrs or later)	First Visit	1 mo. after 1 st Dose	1 mo. after 2 nd Dose	1 mo. after 3 rd Dose	4 mos. after 1 st Dose	6 mos. after Previous Dose	Total Doses Required
Td**	1	2				3	3**

* The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months following the previous dose. If 4 doses are administered prior to age 4 years a fifth dose should be administered at age 4 through 6 years. (MMWR 2009;58(30):829-30)

** If primary series is administered at age 10 years or later, 1 dose of the 3 dose series should be Tdap. Regulations require a Pertussis containing vaccine to be administered to a child prior to the 7th grade entry into school. Students of the class of 2012 and 2013 must have had either Td or Tdap to satisfy their booster requirements.

Approved by:



Tracey D Green, MD, State Health Officer

Approved by:



Richard Whitley, MS, Administrator