



# Child Care Chat

## NABS

The Nevada Automated Background Check System (NABS) website is up and running and off to a great start! In an effort to be paperless, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing now offers Backgrounds services online.



As a reminder, facilities are now entering all hiring information and terminations onto the website and are no longer required to submit the Change in Personnel form or Consent and Release forms to Licensing. It is also the facility's responsibility to ensure their employee roster is up to date and accurate at all times. If you haven't already, log onto the NABS website, click on the Employees tab and select Roster. Review the staff listed and make sure the status listed accurately reflects the staff member's current state. At your license renewal, this roster is required to be uploaded to the application checklist in lieu of the Listing of Employees form. Your surveyor will also ask you to print out an active roster at the time of each inspection.

If you have any questions regarding the NABS website, don't hesitate to give your surveyor a call!



## Updated Immunization Requirements

The new school year now underway and many children are headed back to child care after the summer. It's time to review the new guidelines for vaccination requirements and verification that were released in March.

• Children who will attend child care or accommodation facilities now must receive all required vaccines at the youngest age recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- All children, beginning at age 12 months, should be vaccinated with two (2) doses of chicken pox (Varicella) vaccine.
- A child attending child care or enrolling in any school must have age-appropriate vaccination or other proof of immunity to Varicella.

Please see the technical bulletin attached to this newsletter to review the new vaccination requirements.



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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Remember to notify your Surveyor regarding closures for any reason!
- ☺ Your Surveyor can be a great source for ideas and suggestions!
- ☺ The Nevada Registry site has a Job Board! You might just find your next great employee there!

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## Licensing Spotlight! Joshua Lancaster

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I have really enjoyed working with Josh, he's a very thoughtful and helpful young man who cares a lot about assisting others...he's also a great team player.

-Nell Harrison, Administrative Assistant

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Josh has been wonderful to work with the past few years. He is a fast learner and never hesitates to help us navigate our way around the background check world. He has a hilarious sense of humor and is guaranteed to leave you with a smile. I look forward to many more years of working with Josh!

-Tiffany Kaplan, Licensing Surveyor

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Josh is such a great asset to our team. He is always willing to help any time he is asked, and is very patient with those who are not Millennial computer savvy! Josh's sense of humor keeps things upbeat and light in the office. Outside of work I know he enjoys cooking, it's always fun to hear about all of the dishes he had made/created.

-Lisa Torgerson, Licensing Surveyor

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Josh is so helpful, receptive and kind. He is always willing to speak with facilities about any issues they are having. He's always willing to take time out to help me understand the new background systems or changes in procedure. He's a great team player and I always enjoy working with him.

-Jennie Ballou, Licensing Surveyor

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I truly have enjoyed having the opportunity to get to talk with Josh more and get to know him better - he has a wonderful sense of humor. I appreciate his helpfulness and patience with me and all my endless NABS questions! Having Josh on this team makes a huge difference.

-Tammy Hutchinson, Licensing Surveyor

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Josh has been a great asset to Child Care Licensing's team. He's become our go-to guy with anything backgrounds or NABS related. Josh brings a sense of fun to our office. He's a fellow Floridian, so I always enjoy talking to him about our native state.

-Edith Farmer, Supervisor

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Josh joined our Child Care Licensing team and fit right in, not hesitating at all to learn about our Backgrounds process.

He may get busy and overwhelmed with all the provider's questions and concerns about our new online backgrounds system NABS but he makes sure to find the time to ease our provider's minds with the help needed.

Josh is the young one who brings a different perspective on life and brings joy and laughter into our office. Thanks Josh!!

-Kerra Fuentes, Licensing Surveyor

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Josh has so many funny/awesome stories, so it definitely lightens things up at the office!!! He always has such a positive outlook on things as well!!! Even with a ton of work, Josh is always willing to help us, and especially the providers. His expertise and knowledge in the backgrounds department is vast, so I'm

glad we have him as a team member!! Thanks for everything you do Josh!!

-Steve Burdon, Licensing Surveyor

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Joshua is a kind and funny guy. He is very knowledgeable in the backgrounds area and is always open to help surveyors get the backgrounds information needed. He is the Child Care Licensing baby and his young spirit brings lots of good laughs and fun times. It is a pleasure to have him as a co-worker.

-Silvia Cisneros, Licensing Surveyor

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Josh has been a wonderful asset to CCL. He has been flexible, helpful, ready to learn, innovative and willing to accept and grow from corrective criticism given. Josh is open and willing to help the CCL team, public and providers alike. He has become an integral part of what makes the CCL team so cohesive. Thank you.

-Latisha Brown, Program Manager

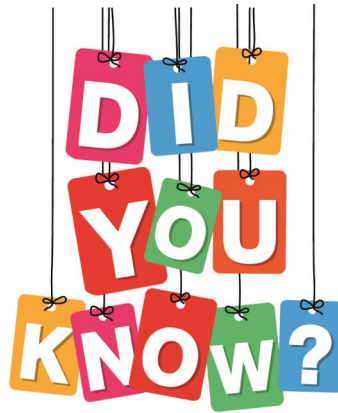
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## Aithent Checklists:

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When submitting an application of any kind via the Aithent website (<https://nvdpbh.aithent.com>) be sure to read each line of items required as some of the language has changed. It is the facility's responsibility to upload all required documents in order for the application to be reviewed and processed in a timely manner.





→ Be sure to visit our [Facebook page](#) or sign up for our [ListSERV](#) in order to receive information and regular updates.



→ Child Care Licensing is developing policies in order to distribute information on how new laws that were approved this Legislative session as well as newly adopted regulations will be implemented. Keep a look out for more information coming your way soon.

→ Any blue link in the newsletter can be clicked on while using a computer to take you to a webpage with more information.

→ If you have any tips, tricks, pictures of events/projects, or helpful hints that you would like to share with childcare providers of Nevada, please email them to:

[tkaplan@health.nv.gov](mailto:tkaplan@health.nv.gov)

We also encourage those who like our [Facebook page](#) to share helpful information or posts from your facility. As always, if you choose to write on the Child Care Licensing Facebook wall, we expect that it will be done in a respectful manner.

→ Child Care Licensing's Office will be closed on the following date:

- October 26th
- November 12th
- November 22nd & 23rd
- December 25th



## Child Care Advisory Committee

This committee meets quarterly to discuss, examine, consider, and make recommendations concerning Nevada's child care industry.

Child Care Advisory meetings are open to all child care providers to attend either in person or by calling in; so come and have your voice heard! If you are unable to attend in person you can always call in!

Agenda information will be posted in designated state and county offices as well as on the Nevada Registry website.

Current scheduled meeting dates are:

\* **October 9th 2018**

**Meetings begin at 1:30 pm.**



For more meeting information, please visit our website at <http://dpbh.nv.gov>

and subscribe to our Child Care Listserv today!

As a listserv member you will receive up-to-date information concerning Child Care Licensing, advisory meeting dates, times, places and meeting minutes.

# Monthly Happenings:

## October 7th- 13th is Fire Prevention Week!

It's never too early to learn fire safety. Fire prevention week is a great time for your facility to invite fire fighters to visit and talk with the kids. Besides the knowledge gained, children will be able to see the fire truck and a firefighter in person. It can be beneficial for the children to see firefighters in the full uniform and see the equipment they use so they aren't scared to go to them in the event of an emergency.

Now is also a great time to review your emergency plan with staff (remember, you should be reviewing a portion with staff at least quarterly).

For more information on Fire Prevention Week and materials you can use at your facility, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week>



## November 20th is Universal Children's Day!

United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

For more information on how to be involved visit:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/>



## December is Safe Toy and Gift Awareness Month

While most children are getting new toys this month, it's time to take a look at the items in your facility to ensure they are both clean and in good repair. If toys happen to be broken; repair, discard, or replace. A wide variety of materials and manipulatives should be available for children on a daily basis.

To see a current list of items that have been recalled for any reason, please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>



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Our vision for the Child Care Licensing Unit is to promote the healthy growth, development, and protection of children, increase availability of positive and nurturing learning environments and provide support for families by regulating and licensing high quality, developmentally appropriate, and flexible care, through a wide range of care options.

This vision involves mentoring and guiding child care providers to become advocates for children and family issues, as well as, foster the growth and development of the provider community. In support of this vision Child Care Licensing will work to expand the awareness of state legislators, local regulatory agencies and consumers so as to encourage support for improving the quality of child care environments for Nevada's children and families



# Technical Bulletin

## Division of Public and Behavioral Health



**Date:** January 30, 2018

**Topic:** Vaccine Required at Minimum Recommended Age for Child Care Enrollment

**Contact:** Shannon Bennett, Immunization Program Manager or Pam Forest, MD, Provider Quality Assurance Manager

**To:** Health Care Quality and Compliance, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Local Health Districts, and Nevada Child Care Facilities

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According to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 432A.230, 432A.235, and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC) 432A.500-.505, children must prove immunity to Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Poliomyelitis, Rubella, Rubeola (Measles), Mumps, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Varicella, Streptococcus Pneumoniae, and Haemophilus Influenza type b (Hib) prior to admission to a child care or accommodation facility in Nevada, unless excused because of a religious belief or medical condition.

In addition to these requirements, it is now necessary for children being admitted to child care or accommodation facilities in Nevada to receive all required vaccines at the youngest recommended age per the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For example, the fifth dose of DTaP is recommended between four (4) and six (6) years of age. As of the date of this Bulletin, the fifth dose of DTaP vaccine is now required at age four (4) years if the child is attending a child care or accommodation facility in Nevada. Please review the table on the next page for further examples. Any child who is behind on Nevada's required immunizations must be brought up-to-date utilizing the ACIP Catch Up Schedule to continue to attend the child care/accommodation facility.

Immunizing children at the youngest recommended age when in a child care or accommodation facility further protects the child and their peers at the earliest time possible. For example, the fifth dose of DTaP, when given at four (4) years of age, increases antibody levels and decreases the risk of older children transmitting the disease to younger siblings and/or classmates who are too young to have completed the vaccine series.

For more information regarding the ACIP immunization schedule please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

Required Immunization	Age Range	Dose Number	Age Required*
Hepatitis B	6-18 months	3	6 months
DTaP	15-18 months	4	15 months
DTaP	4-6 years	5	4 years
Hib	12-15 months	3 or 4	12 months
PCV13	12-15 months	4	12 months
Polio (IPV)	6-18 months	3	6 months
Polio (IPV)	4-6 years	4	4 years
MMR	12-15 months	1	12 months
MMR	4-6 years	2	4 years
Varicella	12-15 months	1	12 months
Varicella	4-6 years	2	4 years
Hepatitis A	12-23 months	1	12 months
Hepatitis A	18-23 months	2	18 months

\*Age required if minimum interval has passed




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## Division of Public and Behavioral Health



**Date:** January 30, 2018  
**Topic:** Verification of Varicella Immunity for School and Child Care Entry  
**Contact:** Shannon Bennett or Pamela Forest, MD – Nevada State Immunization Program  
**To:** Immunization Providers, School Nurses, County Health Officers, Health Care Quality and Compliance, Local Health Districts and Nevada Child Care Facilities, Department of Education, School District Administrators, Boards of Trustees of School Districts, Charter School Officials, and Private School Officials

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Prior to the availability of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine there were approximately four (4) million cases each year in the United States. Though usually a mild disease in healthy children, an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 developed complications, approximately 11,000 required hospitalization, and 100 children died each year from Varicella.

All children, beginning at age 12 months, as well as adults without other evidence of immunity, should be vaccinated with two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine. If a child had a Varicella diagnosis confirmed by a health care provider or laboratory evidence of prior disease, then it is not necessary to vaccinate regardless of age at infection.

A child being admitted to child care or enrolling in a public, charter, or private school in Nevada after June 30, 2018 must have age appropriate vaccination or other proof of immunity to Varicella. This requirement does not apply to children enrolled and/or admitted to school or child care before June 30, 2018. A written statement from a physician attesting to a person's positive history of Varicella or laboratory proof of Varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of Varicella vaccination documentation. If a parent or guardian cannot provide confirmed history of disease, or if laboratory proof of immunity is not available, the Varicella vaccine requirement must be met.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) considers evidence of immunity to Varicella to be:

- Documentation of two (2) doses of vaccine given no earlier than age 12 months, with at least three (3) months between doses for children younger than age 13 years, or at least four (4) weeks between doses for people ages 13 years and older;
- A health care provider's diagnosis of Varicella or verification of history of Varicella;
- History of Herpes Zoster (shingles), based on a health care provider diagnosis; or
- Laboratory evidence\* of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease.

\*Note: laboratory testing to confirm Varicella immunity can yield inconclusive results

This Technical Bulletin mirrors the history of varicella requirements already listed in Nevada's Immunization Information System (IIS), NV WebIZ. History of Varicella can be documented in NV WebIZ if there is: laboratory evidence of immunity or confirmation of disease, or healthcare provider verified history of or diagnosis of Varicella, or healthcare provider verified history or diagnosis of Herpes Zoster (shingles).

For more information on all ACIP recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html>

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