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### **Back-to-School Immunizations**

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Health Department would like to remind parents that it is not too early to make sure their children have received all required immunizations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Effective July 1, 2007, there are two new vaccines required:

1. Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV); for daycare, Head Start and preschool only
2. Hepatitis A; for all children born on or after January 1, 2006

Additional doses have also been added to two existing vaccine requirements for all children entering Kindergarten, sixth grade or new entrants (children of any age entering Georgia Schools for the first time or returning to Georgia schools after being out of the system for a year):

1. MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) – 2<sup>nd</sup> dose required OR Measles Vaccine (2 doses), Mumps Vaccine (2 doses) and Rubella Vaccine (1 dose) or serologic proof of immunity.
2. Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2<sup>nd</sup> dose required or healthcare provider documentation of disease history or serologic proof of immunity.

The following is a complete list of immunizations that are required for school enrollment.

Children can receive up to five vaccines per visit. Dosage requirements vary by age.

1. DTAP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis); four to five doses
2. Hepatitis B; three doses
3. Polio; three to four doses
4. MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella); two doses
5. Varicella (Chickenpox); two doses
6. Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae Type b); three to four doses, for daycare and preschool only
7. Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV); for daycare, Head Start and preschool only

8. Hepatitis A; for all children born on or after January 1, 2006

The Health department also offers hearing, vision and dental screenings (Form 3300) required by schools, as well as Immunizations and Certificate 3231. Before coming to the health department, please obtain immunization records from your child's pediatrician, and if not in English, please have them translated. Data entry fees will apply if the information has not been entered into the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services. Payment methods accepted include Medicaid, Peachcare, Cash, Debit and Credit; insurance will not be filed by the health department. Please call the clinic at \_\_\_\_\_ for more information.