

**Ridgewood Public Schools**  
**Health Services**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has **amended vaccine requirements** effective as of **September 1, 2008**, for students **born after January 1, 1997** **entering Grade Six (6)** or a comparable age level special education program. They are as follows:

- **Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine (NJAC 8:57-4.10)**

A student born **after 1/1/97** and entering **Grade 6** shall receive one (1) dose of **Tdap** given no earlier than the **10<sup>th</sup>** birthday.

A student entering Grade 6 after 9/1/08 who received a documented **Td** booster less than five (5) years prior, is **not** required to receive a Tdap booster until five years have elapsed.

A student transferring into a N.J. school from out of state shall have received one (1) dose of **Tdap** provided five (5) years have elapsed since the last documented Td dose.

- **Meningococcal vaccine (NJAC 8:57- 4.20)**

A student born **after 1/1/97** and entering **Grade 6** shall receive one (1) dose of a meningococcal – containing vaccine - preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).

Please review these requirements with your physician, and submit a note from your doctor documenting the administration date(s) of required vaccines by September 1, 2011 to ensure compliance.

## **PRE-SCHOOL**

- **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (8:57-4.18) (PCV)**

a child age two (2) months through 11 months enrolled in or attending a licensed child-care or pre-school facility on or after September 1, 2009 shall have receive at least two (2) age appropriate doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

A child age (twelve) 12 months through (fifty nine) 59 months enrolled in and/or attending a licensed child care center shall have received at least one (1) of PCV on or after September 1, 2009.

- **Influenza Vaccine 8:57 – 4.19**

A child six (6) months through fifty- nine (59) months of age attending a licensed child care center or pre-school program on or after September 1, 2008 shall **annually** receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of **each** year.

All vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before the specified minimum age or dose spacing interval shall be considered valid for school enrollment and in compliance with the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Please return physician's note documenting date(s) of vaccine administration to the school nurse.

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