

New Vaccination Requirements for Children Attending Pre-Schools and Schools

February 26, 2008 – The new law mandated by the State of New Jersey for children to receive Influenza (Flu) vaccinations comes into effect next school year. In preparation, the Newark Public Schools is informing parents of what they need to do so children are immunized in adequate time before pre-schools and K - 12 schools start in September.

New information for pre-school:

- Pre-school children aged six months to 59 months (4 years 11 months) must get an Influenza (Flu) vaccine by December 31 of each year to attend pre-school and daycare.
- Children aged two months to 59 months (4 years 11 months) also must get the Pneumococcal vaccine to attend pre-school or daycare.

New information for 6th grade:

- Children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in grade 6 or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country are required to receive a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap). They are also required to have one dose of Meningitis/Meningococcal vaccine.

Parents should contact the school nurse, their private healthcare provider or the City of Newark Department of Child and Family Well-Being (formerly the Health Department) at 973-733-7580 for more information.

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