

NEW IMMUNIZATION RULES FOR CHILDREN  
ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES  
(INCLUDES HEAD START AND PRE-  
KINDERGARTEN)



◇ EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007, ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING CHILD CARE FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) If your child is under five (5) years of age, he must have protection against pneumococcal disease. He will need the Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV). The number of doses needed will depend on the child's age.
- 2) If your child was born on or after January 1, 2006 and attends child care facilities (including Pre-K), he must have two (2) doses of Hepatitis A (Hep A) vaccine or laboratory proof of immunity.
- 3) Contact your child care facility about your child's Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) and the expiration date. When the certificate expires, he will be required to meet the new immunization requirements.
- 4) If your child is currently enrolled in a 4-year-old pre-K program and has a certificate marked as "Complete for School," he may need to obtain the 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of varicella and mumps vaccines and will need to submit documentation of meeting the new requirements on the Georgia Certificate of Immunization upon entry to school (5-year-old kindergarten).
- 5) Contact your health care professional to receive any needed vaccinations and to obtain a new Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231). Photocopies are accepted.



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