

Abbott Independent School District

Changes in Immunization Requirements for 2009-2010

In March of 2009, the Texas Department of State Health Services approved several revisions to the "Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in Texas Public Schools" (Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 97.61 and 97.63-97.77)

The following changes will affect kindergarten and/or seventh graders for the upcoming school year:

Hepatitis A - 2 dose requirement for kindergarten

MMR - 2 dose requirement for kindergarten

Varicella - 2 dose requirement for kindergarten and seventh graders (a written statement from a parent or legal guardian, school nurse, or physician stating the child has a positive history of chickenpox is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine)

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis-Containing Vaccine (Tdap) – 1 dose requirement for seventh graders who have not had a tetanus-containing booster within the last five years

Meningococcal Vaccine – 1 dose requirement for seventh graders

The above immunizations can be received starting now. Dr's. appointments will be harder to obtain the longer you wait since this is a statewide change. The immunizations need to be completed prior to the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year and mailed or brought to the Central Office at Abbott School by the first day of classes.

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