

## Immunization Requirements for Children Enrolled In Missouri Child Care and Preschool Facilities\*

Young children are more susceptible to serious complications associated with certain diseases and have different immunization requirements than older children.

The following table indicates immunizations required for children enrolled in or attending child care and preschool facilities in Missouri. This table is for use in completing the day care immunization survey, and is **NOT** a recommended schedule. It should only be used to determine whether a child is in compliance with Missouri childcare regulations.

See the enclosed Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommended Childhood Adolescent Immunization Schedule – United States July-December 2007, for the recommended vaccine schedule. **Please note** - Although not required for attending child care or preschool facilities, the ACIP recommends all children be appropriately immunized with pneumococcal (PCV), influenza, and hepatitis A vaccine.

By the time the child is	Immunization(s)
<b>3 months</b> , they should have –	1 DTaP/DT, 1 Polio, 1 or 2 Hepatitis B, 1 Hib
<b>5 months</b> , they should have –	2 DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 Hepatitis B, 1 or more Hib
<b>7 months</b> , they should have –	3 DTaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 or 3+ Hepatitis B, 1 or more Hib
<b>19 months</b> , they should have –	4+ DTaP/DTP/DT, 3+ Polio, 1 MMR, 1 or more Hib after 12 months of age, 3+ Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella

\*The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period; so public, private, parochial day care centers, preschools or nursery school attendees may receive immunizations up to 4 days before they are due.



# MEMO

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DATE: January 31, 2008

TO: Daycare Providers

FROM: The Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance

RE: **Interim Recommendations for Hib Vaccine**

In December 2007 Merck & Co., Inc., recalled some types of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) vaccine. Because of the recall a nationwide shortage exists for Hib vaccine. As a result the CDC has temporarily revised immunization recommendations.

Until Hib vaccine supplies are reinstated, the **booster** dose at 12 – 15 months of age should be deferred for most children. Children who are at increased risk for Hib and American Indian/Alaska Native children should still receive the booster dose.

The Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance is instructing daycare providers to record the **missing 12 –15 month booster dose**, as **“In Progress.”** The child’s record should be flagged for follow-up when the vaccine supply improves. **Until the vaccine supply is restored to normal, it is acceptable for children to attend daycare without the booster dose of Hib.**

Children 12 – 59 months of age who have not completed the primary series of Hib vaccine should receive one dose of Hib vaccine.

For your convenience a copy of the “In Progress” card is enclosed. Notification will be sent when the Hib vaccine supply is restored and routine recommendations are reinstated to include the booster dose. Please contact the Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance for more information at 573-751-6124.

More complete information on the Hib shortage and interim recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is at

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5650a4.htm> .

JR/jb

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