

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMO

TO: COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION PROVIDERS

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LPS School Nurses

SUBJECT: Immunization Requirements for School Entry, 2005-2006

DATE: May 23, 2005

The purpose of this memo and attachment is to provide you with information about 2005-2006 requirements for school entry in Lincoln Public Schools.

New to our district's immunization compliance activities is the assurance that the doses of the Hepatitis B series, now required for all students in any grade, meet the CDC recommendations for minimum intervals:

- a. 28 days between dose #1 and #2
- b. 112 days minimum between dose #1 and #3
- c. 56 days between dose #2 and #3
- d. The minimum age for dose #3 is 164 days of age.
- e. For those receiving the alternate two-dose adolescent schedule, the minimum interval between #1 and #2 is 112 days. The alternate two-dose schedule (approved product: Recombivax HB) may be administered between ages 11 and 15 years and must be completed before the 16th birthday.

For new enrollees after July 1, 2005, including 05-06 Kindergarten students, doses not meeting the minimum interval requirements will be declared invalid for the purposes of assessing compliance with state law. The student will be provisionally enrolled, and subject to exclusion, until the student presents with valid doses or a medical waiver from a physician.

For currently enrolled at LPS by July 1, 2005, students with too-short Hepatitis B intervals will NOT be subject to provisional enrollment or exclusion. The parent/guardian will be provided with information recommending consultation with the medical provider because proper immunity may not be achieved when doses are given too close together.

Also in 2005-06, the varicella requirement will affect students in Kindergarten, 1st, 7th, 8th grades, and out-of-state transfers to any grade.

Please contact the district health services office at 436-1655 with any questions. Thank you for your assistance in assuring all school children are adequately protected through immunization!