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Date: January 22, 2007
To: School Nurses
From: Michael Runau, Kansas Immunization Program Director
Re: Required Immunizations for School Entry - School Year, 2007-2008

In June, 2006, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) voted to recommend that two doses of varicella-containing vaccine be routinely administered to children < 13 year of age, with the first dose administered at 12-15 months of age and the second dose at 4-6 years of age.

Beginning in school year, 2007-2008, two doses of varicella-containing vaccine will be required for students entering kindergarten and first grade. A second catch-up dose of varicella vaccine is recommended for all children, adolescents, and adults who previously had received one dose to improve individual protection against varicella and for more rapid impact on school outbreaks.

Immunizations for Hepatitis B is required for any Kansas student enrolling in kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade classes for the 2007-2008 school year.

School nurses may accept the Id or Tdap as meeting the 10 year booster requirement.