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New Vaccine Rules for Arizona as of January 5, 2008

A vaccine rule amendment adding Tdap and Meningococcal vaccine to school immunization requirements, and lowering the age of the Hepatitis A requirement in Maricopa County child care settings, has been approved. The new rules are in effect as of January 5, 2008. To read the full text of the amended rules, visit the website <http://www.azsos.gov/aar/2007/32/proposed.pdf>.

1. When does the Hepatitis A rule change go into effect?

- As of January 5, 2008, children one through five years of age who are attending preschool, Head Start, or child care in Maricopa County are required to receive 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine, separated by an interval of 6 months.

2. Is Hepatitis A vaccination required for school attendance in Maricopa County?

- No. The Hepatitis A requirement does not apply to grades Kdg-12. A five-year-old who is enrolled only in kindergarten is not required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis A.

3. When will students be required to have Meningococcal Vaccine (MV) and Tdap?

Students eleven years and older, who have had 5 years pass since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose, are required to receive Tdap according to the schedule below. Students eleven years and older are required to receive MV according to the schedule below.

- September 1, 2008 for a child entering 6th grade
- September 1, 2009 for a child entering 6th and 7th grades
- September 1, 2010 for a child entering 6th through 8th grades
- September 1, 2011 for a child entering 6th through 9th grades
- September 1, 2012 for a child entering 6th through 10th grades
- September 1, 2013 for a child entering 6th through 11th grades
- September 1, 2014 for a child entering 6th through 12th grades

4. What if a student has not completed the first three doses of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine?

- As of September 1, 2008, students eleven years and older who are beginning or completing the tetanus/diphtheria series must receive one dose of Tdap as part of the 3-dose tetanus/diphtheria series. Students starting the series should receive a Tdap as dose #1, followed by Td for doses #2 and #3.

5. What if a student is due for the 10-year tetanus/diphtheria booster before Tdap is required for his/her grade level?

- As of September 1, 2008, students eleven years and older who have had 10 years pass since the last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose must receive a Tdap as their first tetanus/diphtheria booster.

6. If a child has received a Tdap booster, when is the next booster required?

- A Td booster is required 10 years after the child's Tdap booster. Only one dose of Tdap is currently recommended per person, per lifetime.