

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunization Requirement

Children who have not had chicken pox, and are attending child care, preschool, Head Start, kindergarten, and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 during the 2008-2009 school year are required to show proof of varicella immunization. As displayed in the chart below, two additional grades will be added each year until 2010 when all grades K-12 will be included in the requirement.

Schools and child care centers will accept a parent's report that their child has had chicken pox. Children who have not had chicken pox need to be vaccinated. Parents/Guardians should contact their physician or local health department to arrange for their child to receive the vaccine. Children who receive varicella vaccine at 1-12 years of age need just one dose. Children who receive varicella vaccine beginning at 13+ years of age need two doses, spaced at least 4 weeks apart. If you have questions about varicella vaccine or this requirement, please contact the Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3632 or, outside of Maricopa County, (866) 222-2329 (toll-free).

Implementation Schedule for Varicella Requirement

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child Care Head Start	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	x	x	x	x
1 st Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
2 nd Grade		x	x	x	x	x
3 rd Grade			x	x	x	x
4 th Grade				x	x	x
5 th Grade					x	x
6 th Grade						x
7 th Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
8 th Grade		x	x	x	x	x
9 th Grade			x	x	x	x
10 th Grade				x	x	x
11 th Grade					x	x
12 th Grade						x