

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **State-Mandated Comal ISD Immunization requirements for 2009-10 school year**

Below are the state-mandated immunization requirements for students attending Comal ISD in the fall. Students must have all immunizations up to date before school begins. We encourage students to get their immunizations as soon as possible, as both the Comal County Health Department and primary care physicians are likely to have many students making last-minute appointments as the start of school nears. If a student's immunization records are not up to date, they will not be allowed to register for school or attend classes this fall.

Key changes in the state-mandated immunization laws are, kindergarten students must have TWO doses of Varicella, TWO doses of MMR and TWO doses of Hepatitis A. Seventh-grade students must have ONE dose of Meningococcal, TWO doses of Varicella, and ONE dose of Tdap if at least five years have passed since the last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine was given. If five years have not elapsed, then this dose will become due as soon as the five-year interval has passed.

#### **Childcare and Pre-K**

**HIB** – Four doses or one dose if Hib vaccines first dose was given on or after 15 months

**PNEUMOCOCCAL** – Four doses unless first dose received after 24 months

#### **Pre-K – 12th grade**

**POLIO** - Four polio vaccines are required one of which must have been received

on or after the fourth birthday. Or, if the third dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, only three doses are required. Four doses of OPV or IPV in any combination.

**DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/PERTUSSIS –**

FIVE doses with last dose on or after 4th birthday, or FOUR doses if fourth dose was on or after 4th birthday; one booster Tdap prior to starting 7th grade, or five years after last Tdap; and for 8th-12th grade one booster Tdap 10 years after their last.

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS** – Beginning 2009-2010 students are required to have one booster Tdap PRIOR to starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade unless they have received a Td/Dap within 5 years. In that case they are required to have a booster Tdap 5 years from their last.

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS** – Students are required to have a booster dose of Tdap when 10 yrs have passed from their last dose.

**MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR) – TWO DOSES** are required with the first dose on or after the first birthday and the second dose by age 5 or PRIOR to kindergarten enrollment.

**HEPATITIS B – THREE DOSES** are required PRIOR to kindergarten enrollment.

**VARICELLA – ONE DOSE** received on or after the first birthday and ONE DOSE one or after age four or PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN AND 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE ENROLLMENT. 1st-6<sup>th</sup> grades and 8th-12th require one dose.

**HEPATITIS A – TWO DOSES** with 1st dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, prior to kindergarten enrollment.

**MENINGOCOCCAL – ONE DOSE** required PRIOR to 7<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment.

**TUBERCULIN SKIN TESTING PROTOCOL:**

All public school students entering school for the first time must have one of the following:

- a. a past Tuberculin Skin Test with validated reading on record
- b. a completed Tuberculosis Screening Form. The school nurse or other healthcare professional may require a Tb Skin Test depending on answers to the screening form. Persons with high-risk symptoms or conditions are at the highest risk of developing tuberculosis.

The Tuberculosis Screening Form should be used if a student who is transferring from another school does not have a Tb Skin Test on the immunization record.