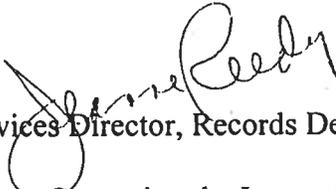


MEMORANDUM

City of Philadelphia
Date: 4/7/09

TO: Shelly Smith, City Solicitor

FROM:  Jeanne Reedy, Administrative Services Director, Records Dept.

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Regulations Governing the Immunization and Treatment of Newborns, Children and Adolescents

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CC: Donald F. Schwarz, MD, MPH, Health Commissioner
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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/19/09

TO: Joan T. Decker, Commissioner, Department of Records

FROM: Donald F. Schwarz, MD, MPH, Health Commissioner 

SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendment to Regulations
Governing the Immunization and Treatment
of Newborns, Children and Adolescents**

In accordance with Section 8-407(a) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, I enclose herewith the public hearing documents in regard to proposed Amendments to Regulations Governing the Immunization and Treatment of Newborns, Children and Adolescents.

The following procedural actions were taken.

Approved by Board of Health
Approved by Law Department

February 10, 2009
February 13, 2009

It is requested that the attached Department of Public Health Regulations for be filed for final action by the Department of Records.

Should you require anything additional in this matter, please contact Caroline Johnson, MD, Director, Division of Disease Control, 215-685-6741.

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attachments

cc: Caroline Johnson, MD, MPH, Director, Division of Disease Control

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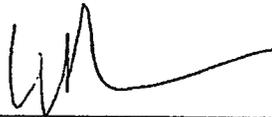
TO: Dr. Donald F. Schwarz, Health Commissioner

FROM: Lewis Rosman, Senior Attorney

DATE: February 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Amendments To Regulations Governing the Immunization and Treatment of Newborns, Children and Adolescents

I have reviewed the attached "Amendment to Regulations Governing the Immunization and Treatment of Newborns, Children and Adolescents" that were submitted today to the Law Department and find the amendments to be legal and in proper form. I am advised the Amendment has been approved by the Board of Health. In accordance with Section 8-407(a) of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, you may forward these amendments to the Department of Records where they will be made available for public inspection.



Lewis Rosman
Senior Attorney

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PASSED:

BOARD OF HEALTH: February 10, 2009
LAW DEPARTMENT: February 13, 2009
RECORDS DEPARTMENT:

**AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE IMMUNIZATION AND
TREATMENT OF NEWBORNS, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Health recognizes the need to protect children and adolescents from preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Childhood and adolescent immunizations are an effective method of reducing morbidity and mortality caused by vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Health Code," authorizes the Board to require the immunization of any person against any communicable disease for which immunization is effective; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that a single dose of tetanus-reduced diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine be administered to all children, preferably at the time of the pre-adolescent health visit (11-12 years of age); and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that a single dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine quadrivalent (MCV4) be administered to all children, preferably at the time of the pre-adolescent health visit (11-12 years of age); and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all children receive two doses of varicella vaccine, appropriately spaced; and

WHEREAS, Susceptible children and adolescents are subject not only to the effects of communicable diseases, such as meningococcal infection, varicella, and pertussis, but may also be responsible for the transmission of disease to other susceptible persons in the school; and

WHEREAS, Implementing an immunization requirement for middle school entry is an important and effective strategy for assuring that pre-adolescent and adolescent children receive necessary vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Implementing an immunization requirement for middle school entry is an important and effective strategy for preventing outbreaks of infections in schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Health hereby amends the Board's *Regulations Governing The Immunization and Treatment of Newborns, Children And Adolescents* to read as follows (additions in **Bold** and deletions in ~~Strikethrough~~):

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMMUNIZATION AND TREATMENT OF
NEWBORNS, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

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2. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING SCHOOL

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(c) Required for School Entry into Sixth Grade. In addition to the requirements listed as a condition of attending school at grade levels 2 through 12, the following immunizations, whether administered as single vaccines or as components of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved combination vaccines, given in compliance with the minimum intervals and schedules required, are required for entry at the sixth grade level:

- (1) Meningococcal.** One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine quadrivalent (MCV4).
- (2) Pertussis, tetanus, diphtheria.** One dose of pertussis vaccine administered in combination with tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Tdap). This dose must have been administered on or after the 10th birthday. Students having received a Td-containing vaccine within two years prior to entering sixth grade should not receive the booster dose of Tdap until two years have elapsed. Students who are not eligible to receive Tdap on this basis shall not be denied entry to 6th grade, but

must receive the booster dose of Tdap when this two-year period has elapsed.

(3) *Varicella (chickenpox)*. One of the following:

(i) Two doses of varicella vaccine, administered as the single antigen Varicella (V) or as the combination vaccine Measles, Mumps, Rubella-Varicella (MMRV). The first dose of vaccine must have been given no sooner than 12 months of age, and the second dose prior to entry to 6th grade, with a minimum interval of 3 months between doses, provided, however, that if the first dose is administered at the time of entry to 6th grade, the child shall not be denied entry to school, but shall receive the second dose after expiration of the minimum interval.

(ii) A history of chickenpox immunity proved by laboratory testing or a written statement of history of chickenpox disease from a healthcare provider or parent.

~~(e)~~ (d) *Exemption from Immunization Requirements for School Entry or Attendance.*

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