

A NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR

Children in Child Care



Coming July 1, 2015

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Requirements for Children Born on or After July 1, 2015

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) will be required for all children born on or after July 1, 2015.

The number of required doses of PCV depends on when a child began the series. Please see the chart below to help you determine if a child has the required doses of PCV based on their age and the age that the first vaccine was administered. The Immunization Branch is sending this information out in advance so that early care and education (child care) programs can begin assessing records for PCV and be prepared to provide the information when submitting 2015 Annual Immunization Reports.

	AGE						
	2 mos.	4 mos.	6 mos.	7-11 mos.	12-15 mos.	12-23 mos.	24 mos. – 5 years
DOSE #1	●			●		●	●
DOSE #2		●		● At least 4 weeks after dose #1		● At least 8 weeks after dose #1	
DOSE #3			●		●		
DOSE #4					●		

REQUIRED

FOUR DOSES

3 doses by age 7 months and a booster dose at 12-15 months

THREE DOSES

First dose after 7 months of age and before 12 months of age
2 doses at least 4 weeks apart and a booster dose at 12-15 months of age

TWO DOSES

First dose on or after 12 months and before 24 months of age
2 doses at least 8 weeks apart completes the series

ONE DOSE

First dose on or after 24 months of age and before 5 years of age

Children who have reached their 5th birthday are not required to have PCV.

Recommended Schedule – On-time Start

7-11 Months Late Start – Catch Up

12-23 Months Late Start – Catch Up

Children that are 5 years of age or older are not required to have Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine



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