

# WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This is to inform you that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has revised the administrative rules N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 with substantive changes to include the requirement of four new vaccines for school, preschool and licensed child-care center attendance in September 2008.

Each child shall have received:

8:57-4.18 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

- (b) Every child 12 months through 59 months of age enrolling in or attending a licensed child-care center on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received at least one dose of PCV on or after their first birthday. (Note: Preschool was left out in the current rules that were published in the NJ Register on January 7, 2008. NJDHSS plans to correct the error in the upcoming rulemaking.

8:57-4.19 Influenza vaccine

Children six months through 59 months of age attending any licensed child-care center or preschool facility on or after September 1, 2008, shall annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year.

8:57-4.23 Optimal immunization recommendations – 4 Day Grace Period

- (b) All vaccine doses included within, and mandated by, this subchapter that are administered less than or equal to four days before either the specified product label minimum age or dose spacing interval shall be counted as valid and shall not require revaccination in order to enter or remain in a school, preschool, or licensed child-care facility.

Please call your child's healthcare provider immediately to make an appointment for your child to receive the required vaccines.

If your child does not have health insurance, you may bring your child to the Gloucester County Health Department Immunization Clinic at no cost to you.

You must have an appointment: Call 218-4100 between 8am-4pm. The Health Department is located at 204 E. Holly Avenue, Sewell, New Jersey.

**CALL AND CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF YOU CANNOT KEEP IT.**

What to bring: Official immunization record from doctor. Just bringing a letter from the school is not enough. You must have official doctor immunization record.

**IMPORTANT:** Parent or legal guardian must accompany child or shot(s) will **not** be given.

For more information about these vaccines, please go to <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>  
They have Vaccine Information Statements for Tdap and Meningitis in English and Spanish.

Please call your child's school nurse if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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