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SUBJECT: Immunization Requirements, School Year 2013/2014

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) immunization requirements for school year 2013/2014. For additional details, please review “Immunization Requirements, 2013/2014” available at http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/immunizationPgrm.cfm.

In November 2011, DoDEA immunization forms were revised; therefore, all previous versions are obsolete. The changes in these forms are also reflected in other standard DoDEA forms that notify parents of their child’s immunization status. All area, district, and school web sites should reflect these changes. DoDEA immunization forms in a fillable PDF version are located at http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/healthGuide.cfm.

Parents must provide official proof of their child’s immunization status to school officials at the time of initial registration. A copy of the student’s complete immunization record may be accepted in lieu of DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-F3 (SHSG: H-2), November 2011. All accepted documents should contain the signature and/or stamp of the health care provider who either administered the vaccinations or reviewed the information. Acceptable forms of official proof of immunization status may include but are not limited to:

- Yellow international immunization records,
- State agency-generated immunization certificates,
- School-generated immunization certificates, and
- Physician, clinic, or hospital-generated immunization records.

In July 2010, DoDEA recognized the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact’s language reads as follows for students who are transferring to a new location: “Compacting states shall give 30 calendar days from the date of enrollment for required immunizations. For a series of immunizations, initial immunizations must be obtained within 30 calendar days.” Therefore, according to the guidance provided by the Compact,
parents must present proof of immunizations upon registration in any DoDEA school. Should the immunization documentation reveal missing immunization data, the necessary immunization(s) must be obtained, and proof of immunization compliance must be presented to school officials within thirty 30 days of enrollment for continued enrollment in DoDEA schools. For immunization that requires a series of vaccinations to achieve immunity, as determined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ series spacing requirements, the next immunization in the series is due no later than 10 days after the due date.

Students below the age of five are required to obtain additional age-appropriate immunizations. A copy of the student’s complete immunization record may be accepted in lieu of DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-F3 (SHSG: H-2), November 2011. Also, for students below the age of five and those older than the last age a vaccine can be given (i.e., rotavirus at eight months, zero days), if the student has not received the vaccination, the vaccination series is not required nor does the vaccination series need to be tracked. The same rule applies to Haemophilus influenza Type B and Pneumococcal (both given at age 2–59 months). If a student's age is within the age frame that any of these vaccinations are given and a dose is missing, the parents should be notified to follow up with their primary care provider. For further information, please see http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html. For influenza vaccination and tuberculin testing, please follow the guidance below.

**Influenza:** For activities within continental United States, guidance for influenza vaccination is established by the local medical treatment facilities and by Combatant Command Medical Authority for activities outside continental United States. Schools are to work closely with their medical treatment facilities to ensure that all requirements are followed. District superintendents are responsible for compliance with medical authority guidance in accordance with the Department of Defense Immunization and Chemoprophylaxis Joint Instruction.

**Tuberculin testing:** Requirements for tuberculin testing are established by local medical treatment facilities to ensure that all local requirements are followed. Schools are to work closely with their medical treatment facilities to ensure that all local requirements are followed.

For questions, please refer to DoDEA Manual 2942.0, May 2007, Section F.2: Immunizations, Immunization Screening and Medical/Religious Exemptions available at http://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/nurse.cfm. For additional clarification, please contact Ms. Margaret Barry, Student Health and Wellness Instructional Systems Specialist, via e-mail at margaret.barry@hq.dodea.edu or by telephone at (571) 372-6011.

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