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**INFORMATION: VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE PROGRAM UPDATES****To: Preschool/Childcare Facility Administrators, School Administrators and  
Nurses, Healthcare Providers and Local Boards of Health****From:** Jennifer Smith, NJDHSS Vaccine Preventable Disease Program**Phone:** 609-826-4860**Email:** Jennifer.Smith@doh.state.nj.us

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Vaccine Preventable Disease Program (VPDP) has recently updated resources pertaining to NJ's Immunization Requirements for Pupils in Schools (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). All schools are responsible for ensuring that pupils at all grade levels are in compliance with the New Jersey Immunization Regulations N.J.A.C. 8:5.7 - 4.1 to 8:57- 4.24, which are available on the Lexis Nexis website at <http://lexisnexis.com/njoal>. Instructions on using the Lexis Nexis site can be accessed at [http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/instructions\\_viewing\\_regulations.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/instructions_viewing_regulations.pdf)

NJ's immunization requirements are in accordance with the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To read the most current recommendations for individual vaccines, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm>

Although there are no new immunization requirements for the 2011-2012 school year, NJDHSS would like to remind you of the following:

**Haemophilus Influenzae B Vaccine (Hib):**

Effective September 2011, NJDHSS lifted the Hib booster dose waiver and now will be enforcing all children 12-59 months of age to receive one dose of Hib vaccine after the first birthday.

**Influenza vaccine:**

Influenza vaccine is a requirement for all children 6 months through 59 months of age attending any licensed child care center, or preschool facility to receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year.

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If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact  
**the Health Department at**  
**(908) 788-1351 or [health@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:health@co.hunterdon.nj.us)**

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NJDHSS supports full enforcement of the seasonal vaccine mandate. Students who do not receive the vaccine by December 31st will be excluded from school for the duration of influenza season (through March 31st) or until they receive at least one dose of the influenza vaccine or until they age out of the requirement (once they turn 5 years/60 months).

**Mandatory Participation in the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIIS):**  
All health care practitioners (HCP) that immunize children less than seven (7) years of age are required by State regulation to enroll as an authorized user of NJIIIS and begin online reporting of vaccinations by December 31, 2011. Mandatory participation is stipulated in New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 8:57-3.16.

Please access the following resources for additional information:

NJ Immunization Requirements Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):  
[http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vaccine\\_qa.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vaccine_qa.pdf)

Childhood and Adolescent Recommended Vaccine Booklet  
[http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vaccine\\_chart.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vaccine_chart.pdf)

Information for Health Care Providers regarding Mandatory Participation in the NJ Immunization Information System (NJIIIS):  
[http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/njiis\\_mandate\\_faq.pdf](http://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/njiis_mandate_faq.pdf)

If you have questions regarding vaccine requirements, please contact the State Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at (609)826-4860.

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