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Technical Bulletin

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Topic: New Vaccination Requirement for Nevada Public, Private, and Charter Schools
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To: Immunization Providers, School Nurses, County Health Officers, Department of Education, School

District Administrators, Boards of Trustees of School Districts, Public School Officials, Charter School

Officials, and Private School Officials

Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 392.105 and 394.250 were adopted by the State Board of Health on December 10, 2020, and adopted by the Legislative Commission on January 5, 2021.

Pursuant to NAC 392.105 and 394.250 the following regulation changes now apply and will be required as of the 2022-2023 school year:

- 1. A student enrolling in 12th grade in a Nevada public, private, or charter school after June 30, 2022, must receive an immunization against *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningitis) in the form of a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). The student must receive at least one dose of MenACWY on or after 16 years of age.
- 2. This new requirement **does not apply** to students enrolled in a Nevada public, private, or charter school before July 1, 2009.

All students enrolling into kindergarten, 7th grade, 12th grade, or those who are new to a Nevada school district for any grade must be fully vaccinated per the regulations as illustrated in the table on page 2. The newly required MenACWY vaccination has been highlighted. Students must be fully vaccinated **prior to** being enrolled into school.

Vaccines can help prevent meningococcal disease, which is any type of illness caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a single dose of MenACWY at 11-12 years of age, followed by a booster dose administered at 16 years of age.

Conditional enrollment is only permitted when a student would need multiple visits to a health care provider to achieve compliant status. If all needed doses can be administered at one appointment, then the student **cannot enroll** in school until they are vaccine compliant. As a reminder, only medical and religious exemptions are permitted per <u>NRS 392.437-439</u> and <u>394.193-194</u>.

The exact language of the new vaccination requirement and immunization exemption requirement can be found at: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2020Register/R046-20AP.pdf

NV WebIZ is the statewide immunization information system used in Nevada; it can assist an authorized user in determining if a student is compliant with Nevada's immunization requirements. Authorized users can access the system online at https://webiz.nv.gov/webiznet_nv/Login.aspx. School officials interested in NV WebIZ access may contact the Help Desk at (775) 684-5954 or by e-mailing izit@health.nv.gov.

	Nevada School-Required Vaccination Schedule								
Required Vaccines	2 mo. of age	4 mo. of age	6 mo. of age	12-15 mo. of age	18-24 mo. of age	4-6 yrs. of age	11-12 yrs. of age	16 yrs. of age	Total Doses Required PRIOR to School Entry
DTP, DT, DTaP	1	2	3	3 4					4 or 5 *If dose #4 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #5 is not needed
Polio (IPV)	1	2	3			4*			3 or 4 *If dose #3 is administered on or after 4 th birthday, #4 is not needed.
MMR				1		2			(doses must be at least 4 weeks apart)
Hepatitis B	1	2	3						3
Varicella				1		2			2
Hepatitis A				1	2				2 (doses must be at least 6 months apart)
Tdap							1		1
Men- ACWY							1	2*	1 or 2 *If dose 1 is administered on or after 16 th birthday, no further doses required.

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the <u>Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Technical Bulletins web page</u> and Nevada's Health Response <u>website</u> regularly. Please email <u>nviz@health.nv.gov</u> for other questions regarding school vaccination requirements.

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