

**TO: Family Day Care Homes, Child Day Care Centers, Group Day Care Homes and Youth Camps**

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**RE: Pneumococcal Vaccine Requirement for Children Attending Child Day Care Programs and Youth Camps**

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The purpose of this communication is to inform you that pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) has been added to the list of required immunizations for children enrolled in child day care and youth camp programs.

Effective August 1, 2007 in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) 19a-7f (Standard of Care for Immunization of Children in CT), each child under 5 years of age who attends a licensed family day care home, a licensed child day care center, a licensed group day care home or a licensed youth camp is required to show proof of immunity to pneumococcal disease.

**Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine**

The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine called Prevnar (PCV7) is an effective immunization that can prevent invasive pneumococcal disease in children and, when children are vaccinated, their siblings and the adults who care for them. It was licensed for use in the United States in the year 2000 and was recommended for use in all children less than 5 years of age including those who attend out-of-home childcare for more than 4 hours per week. The vaccine can help prevent serious pneumococcal disease, such as meningitis and blood infections. It can also prevent some ear infections. Pneumococcal infection can cause serious illness and even death. Invasive pneumococcal disease is responsible for about 200 deaths each year among children under five years of age. It is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in the United States. Children under two years of age are at highest risk. Before a vaccine was available, pneumococcal infection each year caused more than 700 cases of meningitis, 13,000 blood infections and about 5 million ear infections in the U.S.

We are enclosing a fact sheet on pneumococcal disease and a 2007 Immunization Requirement Schedule for your information and for use with parents/guardians who may have questions about pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. Child day care and group day care homes should share this information with their health consultant. Please feel free to contact the Immunization Program if you have any questions at 860-509-7929.

2007 CT Immunization Requirements Schedule  
Day Care, Family Day Care and Group Day Care Homes

Vaccines	Under 2 months old	By 3 months of age	By 5 months of age	By 7 months of age	By 16 months of age	16 -18 months of age	By 19 months of age	2 years of age	3 – 5 years of age
DTP/DTaP/DT	None	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses	4 doses	4 doses
Polio	None	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
MMR	None	None	None	None	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or laboratory confirmed immunity
Hep B	None	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	2 dose	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
HIB	None	1 dose	2 doses	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine given	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday
Varicella	None	None	None	None	None	None	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or prior history of disease or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or prior history of disease or laboratory confirmed immunity	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or prior history of disease or laboratory confirmed immunity
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	None	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	1 dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday

**Vaccine:**

DTP-HIB  
DTaP-HIB  
HIB-Hep B  
DTaP-IPV-Hep B  
MMRV

**Brand Name:**

Tetramune  
TriHibit  
Comvax  
Pediarix  
ProQuad