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MEMORANDUM

TO: NC Colleges & Universities

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SUBJECT: Immunization Rule Changes Affecting Tdap and Mumps Vaccines

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of recent immunization rule change information that will affect college and university students in NC for the 2008-09 school year. The new law requires all entering freshman to have had a dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine prior to entry plus two doses of mumps vaccine.

The new law requirements are as follows:

- Individuals attending colleges and universities are required to have three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid, one of which must have been within the last 10 years
- Individuals enrolling in college or university for the first time on or after July 1, 2008 must have had three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid and a booster dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine if a tetanus/diphtheria toxoid or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine has not been administered within the past 10 years. A dose of tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccine is not required for any student over the age of 64 years.
- A second dose of mumps is to be administered before enrolling in school, college or university for the first time.

Enclosed is an updated list with the required immunizations for college/university entry. You will also find a list of recommended vaccines.

Questions regarding these changes in the tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) and mumps vaccination requirements should be addressed to your Regional Immunization Consultant, or by calling the Immunization Branch Central Office, at 919-707-5550.



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College/University Vaccine Requirements:

Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (DTaP, Td, Tdap)	3 doses ¹
Polio	3 doses
Measles	2 doses ²
Mumps	2 doses ³
Rubella	1 dose ⁴
Hepatitis B	3 doses ⁵

Footnote¹ – Three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid of which one must have been within the past 10 years. One of those doses must have been Tdap unless any of the following occur: Entered college or university prior to July 1, 2008; a booster dose of Td was given within the last 10 years; or the individual is over the age of 64.

Footnote² – Measles vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Diagnosis of disease prior to January 1, 1994; born prior to 1957; enrolled in college or university for the first time before July 1, 1994; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against measles.

Footnote³ – Mumps vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born prior to 1957; enrolled in college or university before July 1, 1994; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against mumps. A second mumps vaccine is not required of an individual enrolled in college or university prior to July 1, 2008.

Footnote⁴ – Rubella vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: 50 years of age or older; enrolled in college or university before February 1, 1989 and after their 30th birthday; or the individual has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against rubella.

Footnote⁵ – Hepatitis B vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born before July 1, 1994.

Note: Meningococcal, HPV, Hepatitis A, Flu and a second dose of varicella vaccine are not required but recommended for this age group by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

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