



**Summary of Immunization Requirement Changes**  
Rhode Island Preschool (includes child care), School, and College/Universities

| Immunization Regulations                 | Current Requirements  | New Requirements Effective August 1, 2015   |
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| <p>Preschool &amp; Childcare Centers</p> | <p><i>Children:</i> "Age appropriate immunization for all CDC recommended vaccines" includes DTaP, HepB, polio, PCV, HIB, MMR, varicella<br/><i>Child care workers:</i> no vaccines currently required in regulations</p>   | <p><b>Add vaccines for children:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rotavirus</li> <li>▪ Hepatitis A</li> <li>▪ Influenza</li> </ul> <p><b>Add for child care workers:</b> 1Tdap; annual influenza vaccination; 2 MMR, 2 varicella (reference 1&amp;2)</p>  |
| <p>Kindergarten</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 Hepatitis B</li> <li>▪ 4-5 DTaP</li> <li>▪ 3-4 Polio</li> <li>▪ 2 MMR</li> <li>▪ 2 Varicella</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Add:</b><br/>Polio change: All kids will need documentation of a dose of polio given after 4 yrs of age (even if 4 doses were given before 2 years) (reference 2)</p>   |
| <p>Grade 7</p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 Tdap</li> <li>▪ 1 MCV</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Add:</b> 3 HPV (males &amp; females) (reference 2)</p> <p><b>3.3.7 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine</b></p> <p>(a) Beginning August 1, 2015, all students upon entry to seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade, shall be required to have at least one (1) dose of the HPV vaccine series.</p> <p>(b) Beginning August 1, 2016, all students entering eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade shall be required to have at least two (2) doses of the HPV vaccine series.</p> <p>(c) Beginning August 1, 2017, all students entering ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade shall be required to have completed the HPV vaccine series (3 doses).</p>   |
| <p>Grade 12</p>                          | <p>Evidence of all of above</p>   | <p><b>Add:</b><br/>Booster dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV) for entry into 12<sup>th</sup> grade (CDC recommends booster at <u>age 16</u> reference 2)<br/><i>Note: this is required for students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade because all students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade are at least 16 years of age.</i></p>   |
| <p>College</p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 Hepatitis B</li> <li>▪ 1 Td</li> <li>▪ 2 measles/1mumps/1rubella</li> <li>▪ 2 Varicella</li> <li>▪ Meningococcal vaccine recommended only but colleges are <u>required</u> to provide educational information about meningococcal disease and availability of vaccine</li> </ul> | <p><b>Add:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 Tdap</li> <li>▪ 2 MMR</li> <li>▪ Meningococcal vaccine:</li> </ul> <p>(a) One (1) dose of meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine is required for previously unvaccinated newly enrolled full-time undergraduate and graduate students (under twenty-two (22) years of age) in a degree program at a college or university who will live in a dormitory or comparable congregate living arrangement approved by the institution.</p> <p>(b) Evidence of a second (booster dose) of MCV4 vaccine is required for incoming students (under twenty-two (22) years of age) if the first dose was given before sixteen (16) years of age. (reference 2)</p> |

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**References**

1. National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education 2011. *Caring for our children: National health and safety performance standards; Guidelines for early care and education programs. 3rd edition.* <http://nrckids.org>
2. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Vaccines and Immunizations: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)* (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm#vacc>)