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Increase in Vaccination Requests for School-Age Children

Pediatric and Family Practice offices may experience an increase in the number of requests for appointments related to immunizations over the winter school break. New Colorado school immunization requirements, effective for the 2015-16 school year, now follow the national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) schedule. Key changes include the following:

- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are now required for all K through 12th grade students, including 8th through 12th grade students who previously required 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine must follow correct spacing between vaccines as well as be administered at the correct ages
- First doses of MMR and Varicella must be given no more than 4 days before the first birthday

Many schools will be enforcing Colorado school immunization requirements after the winter break; therefore, an increased number of requests for immunization appointments are expected.

Immunization opportunities are available at Tri-County Health Department for uninsured children and children with Medicaid, CHP+, or Cigna health insurance plans. Contact information is provided below.

Tri-County Health Department clinic flyer:

<http://co-tricountyhealth.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/46>

Immunization Appointment Line: (303) 451-0123