

# **“NEW YEAR, NEW LAW” N.C. IMMUNIZATION LAW: CHANGES FOR 2015**

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Wake County Human Services  
Public Health Division



# Changes for 2015

- The upcoming changes to the NC Immunization Law are applied in 2 ways:
  - Select laws apply immediately and refer to age or school grade
  - Select laws apply to future requirements, including children born after July 1, 2015



# Changes for 2015

## School Entry Requirement Changes

- Prevnar vaccine (PCV13) requirement
  - children born after July 1, 2015
  - 4 doses or as appropriate at age initiated
- Polio vaccine
  - 4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - unless 3<sup>rd</sup> dose after age 4 years AND dose #2 and #3 are separated by 6 months.
- Varicella vaccine
  - One dose on or after 12 months of age
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose before entering school for the first time

# Changes for 2015

## History of Varicella Disease

- Documentation of disease must be from a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant
- Documentation must include
  - Name of the individual
  - Date or age of infection
  - Healthcare provider signature
- Unable to provide proof?
  - Titer
  - Vaccination



# Changes for 2015

## **Adolescent Immunization**

**Effective July 1, 2015**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tdap will become 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tdap with a twist –

- Tdap requirement will move up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students must have one dose of Tdap vaccine regardless of interval from last tetanus-containing vaccine
- Reporting to the State of NC will be of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade compliance measurement
- Tdap products are Boostrix and Adacel

# Changes for 2015

## Adolescent Immunization



### New Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement

- Meningococcal Vaccine will be required for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2015/16 school year
- Meningococcal vaccine may be administered simultaneously with Tdap vaccine
- Meningococcal products: Menactra and Menveo
- Meningococcal vaccine booster dose will be required for high school students beginning August 1, 2020

# Exemption to Immunization

## Documentation of Exemption

- Medical Exemption
  - Primary Care Physician must apply to the State Medical Director for a Medical Exemption. Parent reporting is not a valid source.
- Religious Exemption
  - Document to claim Religious Exemption should include student name, date of birth and statement of objection, along with parent signature and date. Should also be on file with PCP.
- Appointment Cards
  - After 30 calendar days from the start of school, appointment cards are not accepted in lieu of documentation of receipt of vaccine.

# Questions?

NC Immunization Program

[www.immunizenc.gov](http://www.immunizenc.gov)

NC DHHS Division of Public Health

[www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov) and [www.publichealth.nc.gov](http://www.publichealth.nc.gov)

CDC – National Immunization Program

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

NC General Statutes

10A NCAC 41A .0401 effective July 1, 2015

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp>