Minimum Immunization Requirements for Day Care Attendance

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180 of South Carolina Code of Laws children less than six years of age who attend a licensed public or private child day care facility, a registered church or religious child day care facility, or child development program for K4 and younger must present to the day care facility (or school if the program is in a school setting) a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization (DHEC form 1148), which assures they are "up-to-date" or "catching-up" on the childhood immunizations recommended and routinely provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

Minimum Immunization Requirements for the Final Certificate for Day Care Attendance*

Also pursuant to Section 44-29-180 of South Carolina State Law, DHEC has declared the following required standards of immunization necessary for a child to receive the immunization certificate for day care attendance in South Carolina.

Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTP-Hib, or DTaP vaccine.

Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated Polio vaccine.

Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

Current, age-appropriate Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule: One (1) dose of Haemophilus influenza type b conjugate vaccine at or after 15 months of age for unvaccinated children 15-59 months of age.

One (1) dose of Rubeola (Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday.

One (1) dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease.

Current, age-appropriate Pneumococcal vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule: One (1) dose of Pneumococcal vaccine on or after the 2nd birthday for unvaccinated children 24-59 months.

*Minimum requirements for a final certificate for day care attendance should not be confused with the Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule as published by DHEC and approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).