



Hawaii VFC News

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"Hawaii VFC News" is a quarterly publication distributed to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers. Its purpose is to address VFC-related issues, provide general immunization information, and keep you up-to-date with the latest program changes.

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Back-to-School Time is Almost Here!

Most students will be heading back to school in early August and many will need to meet health examination and immunization requirements for school entry, as mandated by state law. **If a student is attending school for the first time, or transferring from out of state, then documentation of vaccinations, Tuberculosis clearance, and a physical examination is required. All vaccinations must meet minimum age and interval requirements between doses.** Visit <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/school-health-requirements-frequently-asked-questions/> for more information.

<u>Immunization Requirements For School Entry</u>	
Preschool	DTaP/DTP/Td, Hep B, Hib, MMR, Polio, Varicella
K - 12	DTaP/DTP/Td, Hep B, MMR, Polio, Varicella
Grade 7*	Hep B, MMR, Varicella
Post-Secondary	MMR

*In addition to meeting the immunization requirements for grades Kindergarten through 12 upon first school entry in Hawaii, all students must show evidence of having received these immunizations prior to 7th grade attendance.

7th Grade Physical Exam—A Great Time to Vaccinate Preteens

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, every child entering 7th grade in Hawaii in both public and private schools will be required to provide documentation of a physical exam to attend school¹. These "Back to School" physical exams are the perfect time to make sure your patients have received their preteen vaccines! Take advantage of the required physical exams to ensure that your patients are up to date with their MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate virus), HPV (human papillomavirus), and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccinations.

Vaccinating children with all of the vaccines recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is one of the most important things health care providers can do to protect their patient's health – and the health of their classmates and the community.

¹ Hawaii Revised Statutes, §302A-1159(b), "Physical examination required" as adopted in Act 185(16). http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2016/bills/GM1287_PDF

What can you do?

- **Give a strong and effective recommendation.** Try saying, "Your child needs **three vaccines today** to help prevent meningitis, HPV cancers, and pertussis." A provider's recommendation is the strongest predictor of vaccination.
- **Seize every opportunity to vaccinate.** Ask about vaccination status during sick visits and sports physicals. If they haven't received the vaccines yet, get older adolescents caught up.
- **Use patient reminder and recall systems** such as automated postcards, phone calls, and text messages to increase office visits.
- **Educate parents** about the diseases that can be prevented by adolescent vaccines.



Love them. Protect them. Immunize them.

