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To: New Mexico School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators,
School Principals, School Nurses, and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

Please find enclosed New Mexico 2014-15 School Entry Immunization Requirements.

The schedule continues to incorporate changes related to the grade phasing-in process for required vaccinations. Immunization requirement changes for the 2014-15 school year are minor.

Childcare/Pre-School: No changes

Kindergarten through 12th grades:

- DTaP: 5 doses still required for grades K- 12; 4 doses are sufficient IF the last dose was given on/after the 4th birthday.
- Tdap: All students 7th-12th grades require proof of 1 dose of Tdap received regardless of when the last Td containing vaccine was given. Children 7-18 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series should be vaccinated according to the catch-up schedule, with Tdap preferred as the first dose followed by Td if needed.
- Meningococcal and HPV vaccines are also recommended at the same time as Tdap, but are not required for school entry.
- Varicella: 2 doses of varicella vaccine are required for all students entering kindergarten through 6th grade. One dose is required for all students entering 7th through 12th grades.
- Live vaccines (MMR, varicella, FluMist) must be given on the same day or a minimum of 28 days apart.
- PCV catch-up: 1 dose of PCV13 to all healthy children aged 12 through 59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children > 60 months, no doses required.

Additional information may be obtained toll-free by calling the New Mexico Vaccine and Flu Hotline at 1-866-681-5872.

Acceptable forms of proof of immunization status include a NMSIIS printout, printout from provider's Electronic Medical Record or immunization record card.

Thank you for keeping New Mexican children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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