

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Changes to Immunizations – Incoming Pre-K and Grade 6

South Brunswick School District has recently been advised by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services of some additional modifications made to the immunization requirements for children enrolled in child care, pre-school or pre-kindergarten programs in September 2008 as well as students entering grade 6 born on or after January 1, 1997. While the State revised its immunization requirements in early 2008, additional revisions have been announced. They appear below, in **bold**.

The following immunizations are now required for children attending child-care, Pre-school or Pre-Kindergarten programs in September 2008:

- Children ages 2-11 months: 2 doses of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) administered between the ages of 2-11 months of age
- Children ages 12-59 months: 1 dose of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) administered after the first birthday
- Children ages 6-59 months: 1 dose of Influenza vaccine annually between September 1-December 31

Additionally, students **entering or attending** Grade 6 who were born on or **after** January 1, 1997 must receive two additional immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap): 1 dose after turning 10 years old and given no sooner than 5 years since the last **DTP/Dtap or Td vaccination**. **The doctor may elect to defer this vaccine until the child turns 11 years old.**
- Meningococcal Vaccine: 1 dose after turning 11 years old.

Students transferring into a New Jersey School from out of State or out of the country who were born on or after January 1, 1997 must also receive the above additional two vaccines regardless of grade entered.

Questions regarding the changes in the requirements should be discussed with your private physician.