

Effective Date of Proposed Vaccination Requirements

Following the notice by KDHE containing proposed vaccination requirement changes, the question was asked by several school nurses as to when the changes outlined would be required for school entry. Dr. Gail Hansen, State Epidemiologist responded as follows:

“The information recently sent out by the Immunization Program at KDHE on vaccines for school entry will not change for the 2008-09 school year.

There is a KS law that parents must be notified by May 15 of vaccination requirements for school entry. Since the public hearing is not until June, if the proposed regulations go through, they would be implemented in school year 09-10. The immunization program staff has been very involved with this process.

However, isolation and quarantine revisions have been in effect for a year. It is not required that school children receive 2 varicella doses and although it would be prudent and good public health, it is not a requirement for school year 2008-09.

Please contact me if you have further questions.”