

Proposed Changes to Vaccination Requirements

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is proposing revisions to the state regulations that specify which vaccinations are required for children entering schools and enrolling in daycares.

For schoolchildren, the proposal will change varicella vaccination requirements from one to two vaccines. For daycare children, vaccine requirements will mirror those for school-aged children, and add hepatitis A and age-appropriate Hib and pneumococcal vaccines.

KDHE is NOT proposing mandatory influenza vaccinations for children through these proposed revisions. K.A.R. 28-4-121 is a newly proposed regulation that updates the required immunizations for children less than 16 years of age enrolled in registered family day care homes.

The proposed revisions will be published in the Kansas Register and posted on the KDHE web site at www.kdheks.gov, on the pages for the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, the Bureau for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bureau of Child Care and Health Facilities.

KDHE will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 4 at 9 a.m. in the Crumbine Room, located on the 5th floor of the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson St., in Topeka.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Gail Hansen, 785-296-1127 or ghansen@kdhe.state.ks.us.