

Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Pneumococcal Vaccination (PCV-7, Prevnar™) for Children Attending Child-Care Facilities

I. Guidance for Child-Care Facilities and Schools

Instructions for reading this chart: When a child presents to a child-care facility, early childhood program, or pre-kindergarten program, the individual reviewing the immunization record for that child should: 1) determine the age of the child; and 2) determine the age of the child when the first dose was administered; and 3) determine the number of doses the child is required to have to attend. The age of the child when the first dose was administered affects the total number of doses the child is required to have.

<u>AGE OF CHILD</u>	<u>VACCINE REQUIREMENT</u>
2 months through 3 months	One dose of pneumococcal vaccine
4 months through 5 months	Two doses of pneumococcal vaccine
6 months through 11 months	Three doses of pneumococcal vaccine
	OR
	Two doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 7 months through 11 months of age
12 months through 23 months	Four doses of pneumococcal vaccine with one dose on or after 12 months of age
	OR
	Three doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 7 months through 11 months of age, and at least one dose was administered on or after 12 months of age
	OR
	Two doses if a child received the first dose of pneumococcal vaccine from 12 months through 23 months of age
24 months through 59 months	One dose if a child is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and healthy
	OR
	If a child is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and at high risk*, two doses are required

*Physicians will determine if a child is high-risk and vaccinate accordingly.

II. Guidance for Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Other Vaccine Providers

Note that the recommendations above are consistent with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (Redbook 2003) and of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) when there is no shortage (MMWR 2004; 53: 851). Since children who attend out-of-home child care are at moderate risk of invasive pneumococcal disease, the State of Texas is requiring that healthy individuals 24-59 months of age who have not received any doses of PCV-7 previously, receive 1 dose before child-care attendance as of 9/1/05. This recommendation is stated by the AAP in the Redbook and advice to "consider" PCV-7 for this group is published by the ACIP in the MMWR. Please consult the above sources (Redbook, MMWR) and other websites (AAP, TPS) for more detailed information concerning the definition of high risk medical conditions, minimum intervals between doses, modified schedules when vaccine is in short supply, and the use of the 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (Pneumovax®) in children 24-59 mos. of age with high risk conditions. **If providers have been following the AAP/ACIP recommendations, their patients most likely meet these requirements for child-care facility entry.**



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