Summary: Tennessee/WCS Immunization Requirements
For Child Care and School

Tennessee Department of Health Rule Chapter 1200-14-1-.29

The Tennessee Department of Health immunization schedule as of July 2010 may be located at the TDOH website: http://health.state.tn.us/CEDS/required.htm. The original Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization reflecting adequate immunization status for the grade your child is entering must be brought to your child’s school prior to your child being allowed to enroll as a new student, or to begin the school year for kindergarten or for 7th grade.

Children in Child Care Facilities (new requirements underlined):
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV)
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib): age younger than 5 years only (*this requirement is resumed following suspension during a national Hib vaccine shortage 2008-2009*)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV): age younger than 5 years only
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (1 dose of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (1 dose or history of disease)
- Hepatitis A (1 dose by 18 months of age)

Children entering Kindergarten (new requirements underlined):
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4th birthday now required
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease): previously only one dose was required
- Hepatitis A (2 doses): effective July 1, 2011

Children entering 7th grade (new requirements underlined):
- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster (“Tdap”)
- Verification of immunity to varicella (2 doses or history of disease)

Children who are new enrollees in a TN school in grades other than K or 7th:
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate)
- Hepatitis B (HBV): previously only for Kindergarten, 7th grade entry
- Poliomyelitis (IPV or OPV): final dose on or after the 4th birthday now required
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2 doses of each, usually given together as MMR)
- Varicella (2 doses or history of disease): previously only one dose was required

Children with medical or religious exemption to requirements:
- **Medical**: Healthcare provider must indicate which specific vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the new form. Other vaccines remain required.
- **Religious**: WCS requires a signed notarized statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. If documentation of a health examination is required, it must be noted by the health care provider on the immunization certificate. In that case, the provider may explain the absence of immunization information by checking that the parent has obtained a religious exemption.