



Important Message to Parents with Children Entering Pre-Schools

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), the minimum number of doses of required immunizations for children entering pre-schools is:

- **Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine**
- **Four (4) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine**
- **Three (3) doses of IPV (polio) vaccine**
- **One (1) dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine**
- **Four (4) doses of PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate) vaccine**
- **Four (3/4) doses of Hib or completed series (Haemophilus Influenzae type B)**
- **One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.**

All children entering childcare and pre-schools are required to be up-to-date on their immunizations. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunization record with the doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION:

An annual Influenza (flu) vaccination is now RECOMMENDED for all children 6 months-18 years of age to prevent the spread of flu to others in daycare, preschool and school settings as well as at home and in the community. Influenza vaccine is available from October through April each year. Don't forget to ask your doctor about flu vaccine

REMEMBER!!! Ask your doctor about your child's LEAD SCREENING TEST too!

Evidence that your child has been tested for lead poisoning is also a requirement for entry into preschool.