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TO: School Officials

FROM: Robert Gogats, MA, HO 
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RE: Adoption of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 (Immunization of Pupils in School) with Amendments and New Rules

The following amendments and additions to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 were adopted by the New Jersey Public Health Council in December 2007:

- A new rule at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.18 requires those children who are two to 59 months of age attending licensed child care centers to receive pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.
- A new rule at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.19 requires those children who are six to 59 months of age attending licensed child care centers to receive one dose of influenza vaccine by December 31 of each year.
- Amendments at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10(h) through (j) requires children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country to receive one booster dose of the Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- A new rule at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.20 requires children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country to receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine.
- An amendment at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5(e) requires schools and child care centers to provide a 30-day grace period for pupils coming from out-of-State or out-of-country to remain in school while they obtain their immunization record documentation.
- An amendment at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.23(b) permits all mandated vaccine doses required in this subchapter, when given within four days of the specified minimum age or a stated dose spacing interval, to be counted as a valid dose and not requiring revaccination.

These amendments and additions to Subchapter 4 will be operative September 1, 2008. The four-day grace period [8:57-4.23(b)] became effective immediately upon publication of the Notice of Adoption in the January 7, 2008 issue of the New Jersey Register. We hope you find the above information useful as you prepare for the 2008-09 school year. Please feel free to contact the Burlington County Health Department at (609) 265-5533 if you have any questions.