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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 09-14

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CalWORKs) PROGRAM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 11265.8(b)(1) and Manual
of Policies and Procedures 40-105.4(a)

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of a Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine shortage and how it will affect CalWORKs recipients' ability to meet the immunization requirement for children under the age of six.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has informed the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that through at least the middle or end of 2009, they expect a continued nationwide shortage of the vaccine that protects against Haemophilus influenzae type b (commonly called "Hib"), previously the major cause of meningitis in young children before widespread use of Hib vaccine. As a result, CDPH advised CDSS that national vaccine recommendations are still temporarily revised to suspend, for most children, the booster dose of Hib vaccine given after their first birthday (dose #4.) Doctors will continue to give initial doses of vaccine during the shortage, but may hold on giving a booster dose to most young children (except for "high-risk" children), including those whose families are receiving CalWORKs.

As specified in Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 40-105.4(a)(1), applicants/recipients who have made a good faith effort to initiate immunizations for a child(ren) in the Assistance Unit, but whose child(ren) cannot complete the series because of a spacing requirement between vaccine doses, may be considered at that

point to have received “all age-appropriate immunizations.” A good faith effort must be found in cases in which the vaccine is not available.

Therefore, while the Hib vaccine is in short supply, CalWORKs applicant/recipient children are not required to have the booster dose of the Hib vaccine. Counties shall not penalize families for children who do not receive this dose or who do not provide verification of the fourth dose. For example, a child born June 1, 2006 who had three Hib doses at two, four and six months of age, but did not receive a booster dose on or after the first birthday, would be considered, for the time being, to have met CalWORKs requirements.

Counties should not advise families that their children may skip doses of Hib vaccine because certain children who are considered “high risk” by their doctors will still be recommended to receive the fourth dose.

The CDPH will alert CDSS of any future changes regarding the Hib vaccine, and we, in turn, will keep counties informed of those changes. CDPH representatives are not certain when adequate supplies of the vaccine will be available; therefore, until further notice, CWDs shall follow guidelines provided in this letter.

To assist you with these changes, we have included the following attachments with this letter:

- A listing of Local Health Departments; and
- The 2009 Immunization Special Schedule (Immunization Requirements and Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule).

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding CalWORKs immunization requirements, please contact your CalWORKs County Consultant. If you have questions about the Hib vaccine, you may contact your local health department.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Pages/CaliforniaLocalHealthDepartments.aspx>

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/Table1-2HibChanges.pdf>

Use the information below to contact your local department of health. [Click here to find your county.](#)

County (Website Link)	Phone Number
Alameda	510-267-3230 (Flu Info: 888-604-4636)
Alpine	530-694-2146
Amador	209-223-6407
Berkeley City	510-981-5300
Butte	530-538-7581
Calaveras	209-754-6460
Colusa	530-458-0380
Contra Costa	925-313-6469
Del Norte	707-464-3191
El Dorado	530-621-6100 (Flu Hotline: 530- 621-6188)
Fresno	559-445-3550 (Flu Line: 888-993-3003)
Glenn	530-934-6588
Humboldt	707- 268-2108 (Flu Hotline: 707-476-4945)
Imperial	760-482.4438
Inyo	760-873-7868
Kern	661-868-0367
Kings	559-584-1401
Lake	707-994-9433
Lassen	530-251-8183
Long Beach City	562-570-7468
Los Angeles	213-351-7800
Madera	559-675-7893
Marin	415-473-6007
Mariposa	209-966-3689
Mendocino	707-472-2600
Merced	209-381-1023
Modoc	530-233-6311
Mono	760-924-1830
Monterey	831-755-4683 (Flu Info: 831-755-1280)
Napa	707-253-4270 (Flu Hotline: 707-253-4540)
Nevada	530-265-1450
Orange	800-564-8448
Pasadena City	626-744-6012
Placer	530-889-7161

Plumas	530-283-6330
Riverside	951-358-5107
Sacramento	916-875-7053
San Benito	831-637-5367
San Bernardino	909-387-6521
San Diego	619-692-8661 (Flu Hotline: 877-358-0202)
San Francisco	415-554-2681
San Joaquin	209-468-3481
San Luis Obispo	805-781-5500
San Mateo	650-573-2877
Santa Barbara	805-346-8420
Santa Clara	408-792-5200 (Health Info: 408-885-3980)
Santa Cruz	831-454-4343
Shasta	800-971-1999
Sierra	530-993-6705
Siskiyou	530-841-2100
Solano	707-553-5402
Sonoma	707-565-4477
Stanislaus	209-558-8872 (209-558-8866)
Sutter	530-822-7215
Tehama	530-527-6824
Trinity	530-623-8218
Tulare	800-834-7121
Tuolumne	209-533-7401
Ventura	805-981-5211
Yolo	530-666-8645
Yuba	530-741-6366

Table 1: Immunization Requirements

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Total Doses Received</i>
Child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, development center	Less than 2 months	None	
Same as above	2–3 months	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP..... 3. Hib..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	1 dose 1 dose 1 dose 1 dose
Same as above	4–5 months	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Hib..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	2 doses 2 doses 2 doses 2 doses
Same as above	6–14 months	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Hib..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	2 doses 3 doses 2 doses 2 doses
Same as above	15–17 months	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella, and mumps..... 4. Hib ³ 5. Hepatitis B.....	3 doses 3 doses 1 dose of each separately or combined on or after the 1st birthday 1 dose at any age. (Changed from "On or after the 1st birthday.") 2 doses
Same as above	18 months–5 years	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella, and mumps..... 4. Hib ³ 5. Hepatitis B ² 6. Varicella.....	3 doses 4 doses 1 dose of each separately or combined on or after the 1st birthday 1 dose at any age. (Changed from "On or after the 1st birthday.") 3 doses 1 dose
Elementary school at kindergarten level and above	4–6 years	1. Polio ¹ 2. DTP, or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella, and mumps..... 4. Hepatitis B ² 5. Varicella.....	4 doses, except that a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday 5 doses, except that a total of 4 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday. 1 dose of each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. Pupils entering a kindergarten (or first grade if kindergarten skipped) are required to have 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the first birthday 3 doses 1 dose
Elementary school, secondary school	7-17 years	1. Polio ¹ 2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids, given as DTP, DT, or Td (pertussis not required)..... 3. Measles and rubella (mumps not required)..... 4. Varicella ⁵	4 doses, except that a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 2nd birthday At least 3 doses. One more Td dose is required if the last dose was given before the 2nd birthday. (See below for additional recommendations for 7th grade enrollment, effective 7/1/99.) 1 dose of each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. (See below for additional requirements for 7th grade enrollment, effective 7/1/99.) 1 dose aged 7 through 12 years for students not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001. 2 doses for students aged 13 through 17 years not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001.
Seventh Grade ⁴	Any	1. Hepatitis B..... 2. Measles..... Recommended but not required: Tetanus-diphtheria, given as DTP, DT, Td or Tetanus.....	3 doses 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the first birthday. One Td dose is recommended if 5 years or more have elapsed since the last dose.
Any	18 years and older	None	

2009 Special Schedule affects ONLY the Hib vaccine

¹ Oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or any combination of these vaccines is acceptable.
² Applies only to children entering at kindergarten level (or at first grade level if kindergarten skipped) or below on or after August 1, 1997.
³ Required only for children who have not reached the age of 4 years 6 months.
⁴ Applies only to children (of any age) entering or advancing to the seventh grade on or after July 1, 1999.
⁵ Children admitted to California schools at the Kindergarten level or above before July 1, 2001 are exempt from this requirement.

Table 2: Conditional Admission Immunization Schedule

<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Dose</i>	<i>Time Intervals</i>
Polio ¹	1st dose..... 2nd dose..... 3rd dose..... 4th dose (Required only for entry to kindergarten level or above).....	Before admission As early as 6 weeks but no later than 10 weeks after the 1st dose. Before admission if 10 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission. As early as 6 weeks but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission. Age 4-6 years: If the 3rd dose was given before the 4th birthday one more dose is required before admission. Age 7-17 years: If the 3rd dose was given before the 2nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission.
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis FOR PUPILS UNDER AGE 7 YEARS: Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids OR FOR PUPILS AGE 7 YEARS AND OLDER: Diphtheria-tetanus (Pertussis not required)	1st dose..... 2nd dose..... 3rd dose..... 4th dose..... 5th dose (Required only for pupils ages 4-6 years for entry to kindergarten level and above)..... 1st dose..... 2nd dose..... 3rd dose..... 4th dose..... Recommended but not required for 7th grade entry ² : Booster dose of Td.....	Before admission. As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission. As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission. As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 3rd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 3rd dose at the time of admission. If the 4th dose was given before the 4th birthday, one more dose is required before admission. Before admission. As early as 4 weeks but no later than 8 weeks after the 1st dose. Before admission if 8 or more weeks have elapsed since the 1st dose at the time of admission. As early as 6 months but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Before admission if 12 or more months have elapsed since the 2nd dose at the time of admission. If the 3rd dose was given before the 2nd birthday, one more dose is required before admission. Before entry, 1 Td dose is recommended if 5 years or more have elapsed since the last dose of DTP, DT, Td or Tetanus.
Measles Note: For children entering kindergarten (or first grade if kindergarten is skipped) on or after August 1, 1997, two doses are required. For children entering 7th grade on or after July 1, 1999, the series shall be in process or completed.	One dose only..... 1st dose..... 2nd dose.....	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached. Before admission. As early as 1 month but no later than 3 months after the 1st dose.
Rubella	One dose only.....	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.
Mumps (Not required for pupils age 7 years and older)	One dose only.....	Before admission. If the pupil is under age 15 months, this dose is required when age 15 months is reached.
Hib Children 2-14 months old	Two doses.....	1st dose before admission. 2nd dose as early as 2 months but no later than 3 months after the 1st dose.
Children 15 months–4 1/2 years old	One dose.....	At any age. (Changed from "Before admission.")
Hepatitis B—For children entering at kindergarten level (or first grade if kindergarten skipped) or below on or after August 1, 1997. For children entering 7th grade on or after July 1, 1999, the series shall be in process or completed.	1st dose..... 2nd dose..... 3rd dose.....	Before admission. As early as 1 month but no later than 2 months after the first dose. Infants and children under age 18 months: As early as 2 months but no later than 12 months after the 2nd dose. Also, no earlier than 4 months after the 1st dose. Children age 18 months and older: As early as 2 months but no later than 6 months after the 2nd dose. Also, no earlier than 4 months after the 1st dose.
Varicella ³ – For children aged 13 through 17 years not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001.	1st dose..... 2nd dose.....	Before admission As early as 4 weeks but no longer than 3 months after first dose

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