CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The following excerpt from the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04 applies to schools.

> A school principal or other person in charge of a school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to, or retain a student in 1) preschool program unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against Haemophilus influenzae type b 2) preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student has furnished proof of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and 3) preschool program through the twelfth grade unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against tetanus, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella.

Immunization requirements for licensed child care centers (COMAR 07.04.02) family day care homes (COMAR 07.04.01) are based on the Maryland DHMH recommended immunization schedule.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
(Recommended Immunization Schedule)

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

Age	Vaccine
Birth	HBV
2 mos.	DTaP, Polio, Hib, HBV
4 mos.	DTaP, Polio, Hib
6 mos.	DTaP, Hib, HBV
12 mos.	MMR #1, Polio, Varicella
15 mos.	Hib, DTaP
4-6 yrs.	Polio, MMR #2, DTaP
12 yrs.	MMR #2, (if not given earlier)

ABBREVIATIONS

DTaP	-	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids with acellular pertussis vaccine
Polio	-	Injectable polio vaccine
MMR	-	Measles, mumps, and rubella combined vaccine
Hib	-	*Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Vaccine schedule may vary depending on the manufacturer)
HBV	-	Hepatitis B vaccine
Varicella	-	Chickenpox vaccine

The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates directly on this form and certify them by signing or stamping the signature section. OR, a different medical provider, a local health department official, a school official, or a day care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or day care service.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for Polio and DTP or DTaP but not for measles, mumps, or rubella. Reconstructed dates for Polio and DTP or DTaP must be reviewed and approved by the local health department. Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of DTP immunity. Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but revaccination may be more expedient. ("Check marks" for vaccines given are not acceptable.)
2. History of diseases is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except chickenpox.
3. Children 12 months of age and older enrolled in licensed day care center(s), family day care homes, or pre-school educational programs must have one dose of measles, mumps and rubella vaccines, given on or after the first birthday.
4. Children enrolled in school grades K - 12 must have *two* doses of measles vaccine, with both doses given on or after the first birthday, and separated by at least 30 days (both doses of measles vaccine may be given as MMR).
5. Children enrolled in school grades K - 12 must have one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines, given on or after the first birthday.
6. All children under 60 months of age must be vaccinated for *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. Children in kindergarten and above do not need to show evidence of having *Haemophilus influenzae* vaccination.
7. Hepatitis B vaccine and chickenpox vaccine will be required for pre-k enrollees beginning September, 2000.
8. Effective September 1, 1995, Hepatitis B vaccine is required for licensed child care facilities for new enrollees born on/after April 1, 1994
9. Chickenpox vaccine will be required for licensed child care facilities, effective September, 1998, for children born on/after January 1, 1997.