

**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ADOPTED IMMUNIZATION RULES CONCERNING  
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS IN TEXAS ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES: MARCH 5, 2009**

On February 27, 2009, the adopted amendments to **25 TAC §§97.61; 97.63-97.72** Texas Administrative Code, concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary & secondary schools and institutions of higher education, can be viewed in the latest issue of the Texas Register at the Secretary of State website at the following address: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

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**The following is a highlight of adopted revisions to rules for school and child-care facility immunization requirements:**

- **Meningococcal Vaccine\***
  - Beginning SY 2009-10, 7th grade requirement
- **Varicella Vaccine**
  - Beginning School Year (SY) 2009-10, 2 dose requirement for kindergarten and 7th grade entry
- **Tdap Vaccine**
  - Beginning SY 2009-10, a booster dose requirement for Tdap for 7th grade
- **MMR Vaccine**
  - Beginning SY 2009-10, 2 dose requirement of MMR vaccine for kindergarten entry
- **Hepatitis A Vaccine**
  - Beginning SY 2009-10, 2 dose requirement for kindergarten entry statewide
- **General revisions** incorporated that clarify or simplify language throughout the rules relating to the school and child care requirements.