

## Appendix III Health and Safety

### C-2c. Child Care Staff Immunizations Recommended by the Dane Co/Madison Public Health

#### Vaccinations:

##### *Yearly:*

- 1 dose flu vaccine

##### *One time:*

- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine—the second dose must be administered 4 weeks or more after the first dose
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine—the second dose must be administered 4 weeks or more after the first dose
- 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine

#### Exceptions to the recommendations

- Child care workers do not need to receive these vaccinations if they have received them in the past. This can be shown with an immunization record, a medical passport, or any other official record that shows the month, day, and year of the vaccinations, including the Wisconsin Immunization Registry: <https://www.dhfswir.org/PR>
- If someone cannot be vaccinated against a disease for medical reasons, that person is exempt from being immunized, and should show written documentation from their medical provider.
- Child care workers born before 1957 are not required to get a MMR vaccine
- Child care workers born before 1980 are not required to get the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- Child care workers do not need to get varicella (chickenpox) vaccine if they had varicella (chickenpox or shingles) in the past. This can be demonstrated with a signed statement from a licensed healthcare provider acting within his/her scope of practice (physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner)
- If a child care worker is already immune to a disease, vaccination against that disease is not required if immunity can be verified with laboratory testing (also called a titer, blood sample). The charges for lab tests vary, but may cost \$25-50 or more per test. Some insurance plans cover the cost of these lab tests. Check with your insurer.

#### Frequently asked questions:

- **I am not sure if I have received a certain vaccine. Is it safe to get vaccinated again?**
- Yes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, if you have already received a vaccine in the past and cannot locate your record of vaccination, is it safe to receive that vaccine again.
- **What happens if there is a disease outbreak at a child care center?**
- If there is an outbreak of a disease at a child care center, Public Health-Madison and Dane County will consult with the facility to determine if exclusion of any unvaccinated individuals is necessary. Unvaccinated people who cannot demonstrate immunity to the identified disease must be fully vaccinated against that disease. This requirement is in place during outbreaks even for people born before 1957 and 1980.
- **Where can I find out more about immunizations and recommendations?**
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- Immunization Action Coalition: [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)
- Public Health-Madison and Dane County: [www.publichealthmdc.com](http://www.publichealthmdc.com)
- Flyer: <http://www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/documents/ccpGetYourShotsPHMDC.pdf>