



Ramah in the Rockies Vaccine Policy

Introduction:

Ramah in the Rockies vaccination policy is compliant with the National Ramah policy in stating that all campers must be vaccinated with all recommended vaccines. Only medical exceptions will be acceptable.

Detail:

Vaccine guidance is based on the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) which is published by the CDC. This schedule is endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Recommendations are current as of December 2010.

The following vaccines are required to be current prior to the start of the camper's session:

- DTaP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Tetanus must be renewed every ten years). The TdaP product should be given between ages 11-12.
- MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Hepatitis B: Minimum of 2/3 doses of the entire series or use of 2-dose product
- IPV: Inactivated Polio Vaccine
- Varicella

Catch-up Vaccination Recommendations:

If a child or staff has not been previously vaccinated, adequate vaccination can be caught up in as little as 4 weeks. The following is the minimum vaccination required prior to camp and is endorsed by the Colorado Department of Health for school participation.

- DTaP: Administer now or give the TdaP product if age appropriate.
(a second dose can be given in 4 weeks and again in 6 months)
- MMR: Administer now and repeat dose in 4 weeks
- Hep B: Administer now and repeat dose in 4 weeks
(complete series requires third dose 16 weeks after 1st dose)
(a two dose vaccine product is available and acceptable but second dose is given 4 months later)
- IPV: Administer now and repeat dose in 4 weeks
(complete series requires third dose in another 4 weeks)
- Varicella: Administer now
(A repeat dose in 4 weeks is recommended but not required)



Other Vaccines:

The following vaccines are recommended by the ACIP but not required by CDPHE for school participation.

- Influenza: Annual vaccination can prevent this respiratory illness and decrease the risk for severe disease. Camp sessions do not fall during the typical annual cycle of influenza infections
- Meningococcal: Camp-aged children should receive at least one dose of this vaccine. Meningococcus is a severe, life threatening infection of the central nervous system. Outbreaks have occurred in the confined spaces of college dormitories and the camp environment may carry similar risk.
- Human Papilloma Virus: Three doses are recommended for adolescent females
- Hepatitis A: Two doses are necessary to protect against this potentially severe liver disease.