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MEMORANDUM FOR AREA DIRECTORS

**AREA SUPERINTENDENTS, CIA
AREA DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS, CIA
AREA PPS COORDINATOR (or designee)
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS
PRINCIPALS
NURSES**

SUBJECT: New Required Immunization for School Year 2010-2011

The required minimum immunizations for the first semester of the SY 2010-2011 will include the addition of the second dose of the Varicella vaccine. Before enrolling in a Department of Defense school, students are required to have the immunizations listed on the attached form. While these immunizations are required to attend DoDEA schools, the Military Services, not the schools, are responsible for providing student immunizations. Although this is the first year that DoDEA has required the second dosage of the Varicella vaccine, there is a space on the DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-F1, August 2006, for this immunization (Attachment included). Many DoDEA students have already received the second dosage of the Varicella vaccine in locations where it has been available.

Any student who participates in any activities in a DoDEA school is required to be immunization compliant. This policy includes students who receive their education outside of the DoDEA school setting, but use the school facilities for any activity including, but not limited to, computer labs, media centers, extra-curricular activities or any other activities or programs.

It is important that a parent not be required to use the DoDEA Form 2942.0-M-F1, August 2006, if they provide another acceptable form of immunization compliance. This information is listed on the DoDEA form and physicians and medical treatment facility personnel should not be asked to duplicate efforts to prove immunizations.

Areas are asked to ensure that every school follows the DoDEA immunization guidance outlined in DoDEA Manual 2942.0, "School Health Services Guide", March 2004. Specific information on registration and immunizations may be found in Section F, pages 32-33 of the manual (<http://www.dodea.edu/foia/iod/pdf/2942.pdf>).

The school principal is responsible for ensuring that every student in his/her school is compliant with the DoDEA immunization requirements. A student may *not* remain in school beyond the 10-day grace period if his/her immunizations are non-compliant. The school nurse is accountable for determining compliance and is responsible for notifying the principal of all instances of non-compliance. The nurse is also responsible for preparing the appropriate form letters for the principal's signature. The principal must notify the district superintendent of a student's disenrollment due to non-compliance. The district superintendent must notify the Area PPS Coordinator who will notify the DoDEA HQ PPS Coordinator of *all* students who have been provided a Form H.2.6 (Disenrollment).

Copies of the form letters can be found in the DoDEA *Health Services Guide*:

- H.2.4 Incomplete Immunizations - page 67
- H.2.5 Delinquent Immunizations *and/or* Proof of Immunizations - page 68
- H.2.6 Disenrollment-Incomplete Immunizations - page 69

Changes in the DoDEA immunization requirements have been made to the DoDEA website, the DoDEA *School Health Services Guide* and to the *DoDEA Administrators' Guide*, part 2, which is currently being revised.

Please direct any questions to Mary Patton, the DoDEA HQ POC, who may be reached by email or phone at 703-588-3152.

“Original Signed”

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Attachment:
As stated