

Implementation for Pneumococcal Vaccine

Effective July 1, 2009



WAC 246-105-030 requires all children to show documentation of receipt of age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccine or an exemption (medical, religious, or philosophical) when attending a licensed child care center or preschool. The following outlines the plan for implementing pneumococcal vaccine requirements.

WAC 246-105-040 references the "2008 Recommended Immunization Schedule Ages Birth–6 Years, United States" as the schedule of pneumococcal vaccine required.

The first pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) was licensed in the United States in 2000. It has been routinely given in Washington State since 2001. Many children have received a full series but it may not have been recorded on the Certificate of Immunization Status Report since it has not been required.

The trade name for the current vaccine is Prevnar and may be abbreviated as PCV7 or PCV.

Recommended Schedule

| Ages | By 3 Months (on or before last day of month 2) | By 5 Months (on or before last day of month 4) | By 7 Months (on or before last day of month 6) | By 16 Months (on or before last day of month 15) | By 19 Months (on or before last day of month 18) | By 24 Months (on or before last day of month 23) | By 7 Years (on or before last day of year 6) or by K entry |
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| PCV | 1 dose PCV | 2 doses PCV | 3 doses PCV | 4 doses PCV | 4 doses PCV Full immunization is 4 doses by 24 months, BUT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three doses required if only 2 doses given before 12 months; or • Two doses required if both received between 12-15 months of age; or • One dose required IF the only dose has been given on or after 24 months of age. | | Not routinely given after 5 years of age |

Catch-Up Schedule

For children who are not immunized according to the recommended schedule, the number of doses a child needs to complete the series depends on the child's current age and the age at which the vaccine is received.

| If the child gets dose #1 at... | ...then the child needs dose #2... | ...and then the child needs... |
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| 7–11 months | At least 8 weeks after dose #1 | Dose #3 at least 8 weeks after dose #2 |
| 12–23 months | At least 8 weeks after dose #1 | No further doses |
| 24–59 months | No further doses | No further doses |