

# 2016 REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Required immunizations are in RED. Applications are not complete and therefore will not be considered until <u>ALL</u> immunization documentation is received. All immunizations must be administered a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of camp session.

# DPT/DTap (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus) and the Tdap booster:

- Attendees under 18 are required to have the initial series of <u>five</u> shots with the last booster being 9 ½ years or less from the beginning of the camp session.
- The Tdap vaccine (Adacel or Boostrix) gives protection against pertussis (whooping cough) as well as diphtheria and tetanus and is *the required booster*.
- A Td alone is <u>not a valid booster</u>. Four doses of DPT/DTaP will be accepted if the fourth dose has been given after age 4 years.

### Polio (IPV/OPV):

- Attendees under 18 are required to have the complete series of <u>four</u> shots.
- Three doses will be accepted if the third dose was given after the age of 4 years.

#### **Hepatitis B:**

• Attendees under 18 are required to have the complete series of **three** shots, or evidence of a positive titer.

# MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella):

Attendees under 18 are required to have two shots, or evidence of a positive titer for each disease.

#### Varicella (chicken pox):

- Attendees under 18 are required to have <u>two</u> shots; OR a <u>physician's</u> statement documenting a history of the chicken pox disease or shingles; OR evidence of a positive titer.
- ALL SESSION ATTENDEES must have immunity to varicella; this can be provided by self-report on the application for those over the age of 18.
- Varicella is potentially the most hazardous exposure for our campers and therefore proof of immunity is essential.

#### Seasonal Flu:

- ALL SESSION ATTENDEES (of <u>all</u> ages) are required to show verification of the current seasonal flu vaccine for sessions from November 1st through March 31st.
- Any environment where people are living in close quarters is at risk for epidemic flu outbreaks, which is why we require this vaccine for all session attendees during flu season.
- This vaccine is highly recommended for all other sessions.

**Hepatitis A:** Full immunization is strongly recommended.

# **Approved Vaccine Exemptions**

ALL exemptions require health care provider (MD/NP/PA) documentation.

Exemptions for religious (or personal preference) reasons are NOT accepted.

- Attendees in the following categories may receive an exemption for certain vaccines (particularly live virus vaccines such as MMR, Varicella, and FluMist) with appropriate documentation from a healthcare provider:
  - Those who have received a solid organ transplant
  - Hematology/Oncology patients

- Those who have received a bone marrow transplant (BMT)
- Those who are on immunosuppressive medications
- Those with other diagnoses that may suppress the immune system