

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

South Dakota Law (DSS Chapter 67:42:10:14) requires that “before a child may be admitted to a day care center, the center must require a child’s parent or guardian to submit a written statement (record) showing that the child meets the minimum immunization requirements as recommended by the Department of Health.” **Oahe Child Development is a Licensed Child Care facility and must have a child’s immunization record on file prior to the first day of attendance.**

Please take your child’s immunization record with you to the **Well Child Exam** for review and update!!

Minimum immunization requirements for preschool children enrolled in the Head Start program are:

- 4 DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- 3 Polio (IPV)
- 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 4 HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae type B - sometimes given in combination with DTP)
- 3 Hepatitis Type B
- 1 Varicella (chicken pox)

Other immunizations as recommended by your child’s physician and in accordance with the latest recommendations issued by the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention.

If your child does not have all of these immunizations please make an appointment for update today!! Head Start will pay for the cost of administering vaccinations, if needed. Please ask the provider to send the bill directly to the Head Start address.

Immunizations can be obtained at minimal or no cost thru the following agencies in this area: Community Health Nursing, Urban Indian Health Services, Indian Health Services in your area, and your private Clinic.

Children **without any** immunizations or without an accessible immunization record should start immediately to receive these immunizations and continue on an appropriate schedule of updates as determined by their physician.

Please contact Angela Nelson, R.N. Program Health and Safety Specialist or Rosemarie Gors, R.N. Program Health and Safety Specialist at 224-6603 if you have any questions.

Immunizations provide protection from life threatening vaccine preventable diseases. By appropriately immunizing your child you help to keep our Head Start program a safe place for all children and their families!