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Re: Reinstatement of the *Haemophilus Influenzae* Type b (Hib) Booster Dose

Dear School or Child-Care Official:

On January 17, 2008 the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) issued a memo instructing all Texas child-care facilities and schools to defer enforcement of the routine Hib vaccine booster dose. This was in response to the recall of certain lots of Hib vaccine that began in December 2007. That deferral will be withdrawn on January 1, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2011 verification of the Hib booster dose will be required for all children ages 12-15 months, attending child-care facilities and schools.

This notice is being given in advance, so that parents can be notified and have sufficient time for their child to receive the Hib booster dose, if needed, and comply with DSHS immunization requirements.

A booster dose of Hib vaccine is defined as a dose at least two months after the previous dose of vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age.

In addition, any child that receives only one dose of vaccine on or after 15 months of age, is fully vaccinated.

Hib is not required or recommended for children older than 59 months. If you have any questions, please contact the Immunization Branch at (800) 252-9152.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack C. Sims".

Jack C. Sims, Manager
Immunization Branch