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Local Board of Health Public Health Order No. 1 - 2024 Children's Camps

Implementing guidance based on 2023-24 School year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

1. This Order shall apply to all camps operated within Sullivan County, in accordance with the New York State Public Health Law and Sanitary Code, 10 NYCRR 7-2.2, including summer day camps and children's overnight camps.
2. The camp health director shall verify all campers have evidence of required vaccines or a valid medical exemption. **This order excludes children that are five years old and younger.**

Upon arrival to camp, the camp operator, health director or designee shall screen children as part of the initial health screening pursuant to the camp's safety plan, for signs or symptoms of any potentially infectious disease, including vaccine preventable diseases/illness.

Additionally, the camp operator or health director shall request parents or guardians of campers to notify the camp operator or health director if such camper has had any possible exposures to the measles illness twenty-one days prior to attending camp and/or during the camp season.

All campers must have documentation of the following vaccinations administered prior to the beginning of camp:

- Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (Dtap/DTP/Tdap)
- Hepatitis B vaccine or proof of immunity
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) or proof of immunity (positive titer)
- Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine or proof of immunity
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)

3. No camp operator shall permit any camper to attend camp unless such camper has provided evidence of all required immunizations. In regards to measles specifically, a titer proving immunity will also suffice.

Evidence of immunity includes:

- a) Written documentation from a health care provider of one or more doses of a measles containing vaccine (MMR);

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- b) Laboratory evidence of immunity;
 - c) Laboratory confirmation of measles; or
 - d) Birth before 1957

4. Notwithstanding, a camp operator may permit a camper who is in the process of receiving the required vaccine to attend camp. A camper who is "in the process of receiving the required vaccine" or "in-process" if the camper or has received at least the first dose of the required vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of the required vaccine, based upon the current vaccination timelines. If a camper in attendance at a camp when the second dose of a required vaccine is scheduled, such camper or shall receive the second dose, or the camper shall be excluded from camp after the expiration of the vaccination dose interval, based upon the specific vaccine.

5. All camp operators shall maintain records of camper screening for signs or symptoms of illness or recent exposure to the above-mentioned vaccine preventable diseases. Any immune camper or who was exposed to a vaccine preventable disease within the twenty-one days prior to attending camp or during the camp season shall be monitored for signs and symptoms of disease while at camp, and the camp operator or health director shall immediately report any such known exposures to Sullivan County Department of Public Health and the New York Department of Health.

6. Failure to comply with this Commissioner's Order may result in legal action, including, but limited to, requiring your attendance at an administrative hearing, and may further result in the imposition of penalties in an amount not exceeding \$2,000 for a single violation or failure to adhere to any of the provisions of this Order authorized by Public Health Law Section 309(1) (f).

7. The County Public Health Director is directed to undertake the actions necessary to enforce this Order.

8. This Order shall be effective upon its adoption.