



**This is to notify all child care providers and parents of a temporary change in child care immunization requirements.**

Este es un aviso a todos los proveedores de cuidado de niños y a todos los padres de familia acerca de un cambio temporal a los requisitos para vacunas en el cuidado de niños en California.

A nationwide shortage of the Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine has recently been announced. In response, the California Department of Public Health has issued a [Special Immunization Schedule for 2009 \(SIS\)](#) and amended the "California Immunization Requirements for Child Care" fact sheet which is available in both [English](#) and [Español](#). The SIS abbreviates the Hib requirement as follows:

- Effective immediately, children ages 15 months to 4 ½ years may enter day care *if they have received one dose of the Hib vaccine at any age*
  - The Department's Child Care Licensing Program has issued a statewide policy to ensure that care providers meeting this interim guideline are not cited
- Child care providers are required to comply with all other immunization requirements for licensed child care facilities, as they remain the same, including:
  - Parents' rights to refuse immunizations due to personal beliefs
  - Allowable exceptions (e.g., a medical exemption)

Please direct any questions you may have to the [Immunization Coordinator at your local health department](#) or your local [Child Care Program Regional Office](#).