

# **From the Desk of the Child Care Health Consultant Coordinators:**



## **E-Breaking News: New Hepatitis A and Varicella Recommendations**

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### **1) AAP Recommends Universal Immunization for Hepatitis A**

The AAP is recommending that all children should receive hepatitis A vaccine at 1 year of age (12 –23 months) as a 2-dose regimen. The 2-dose series should be administered at least 6 months apart.

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### **2) Two Doses of Varicella Vaccine Now Recommended**

The AAP now recommends a 2-dose varicella immunization strategy. Children 12 months through 12 years of age should receive two 0.5 ml doses of varicella vaccine, separated by at least 3 months. Children 13 years of age or older without evidence of immunity, should receive two 0.5 ml doses of varicella vaccine separated by at least 28 days.