

# New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance<sup>1</sup>

Vaccines	Pre-kindergarten (Day Care, Nursery, Head Start, or Pre-K) <sup>2</sup>	School (K-12)
Diphtheria Toxoid-Containing Vaccine	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses) <sup>3</sup>	3 doses (New York City schools – 4 doses – required for kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP) <sup>4</sup>	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005	Not applicable until student born on or after 1/1/2005 enrolls in school
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	Born on or after 1/1/94 and enrolling in grades 6 through 8 for the 2009-2010 school year <sup>5</sup> 1 dose
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) <sup>6</sup>	1 dose	2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses <sup>7</sup>
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	3 doses if less than 15 months of age or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age <sup>8</sup>	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	Born on or after 1/1/08 4 doses by 15 months of age, given at age-appropriate times and intervals <sup>9</sup>	Not applicable
Varicella (Chickenpox) <sup>6</sup>	Born on or after 1/1/2000	Born on or after 1/1/98 or born on or after 1/1/94 and enrolling in grades 6 through 10 for the 2009-2010 school year <sup>10</sup> 1 dose

- 1 Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child/student has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.
- 2 Children in a Pre-kindergarten setting should be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- 3 Please note at this time that New York State requires 3 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine (New York City requires 4 doses for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten only) and three doses of polio vaccine for entry into kindergarten and for any student entering a school in New York State for the first time. However, ACIP recommends 4 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine by age 18 months and 5 doses by age 4-6 years of age. Children 4-6 years of age should receive 4 doses of polio vaccine unless the 3rd dose is given after 4 years of age.
- 4 DTaP is the vaccine currently recommended for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.
- 5 Students enrolling in grades 6 through 8 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 8 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 8. Ten-year-olds entering grades 6 through 8 do not need to have a Tdap vaccine. They will need to receive a Tdap once they turn 11. Students who receive a Td vaccine within 2 years prior to entering grades 6 through 8 should not receive (with rare exceptions) the booster dose of Tdap until 2 years has elapsed. It is required that those students who are not eligible on this basis be flagged, tracked, and immunized at the appropriate time.
- 6 The New York State Department of Health Immunization Program concurs with the ACIP which recommends that vaccine doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval or 12 months of age for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella be counted as valid.
- 7 Hepatitis B – For students in grades 7-12, 3 doses of Recombivax HB or Engerix-B is required, except for those students who received 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) which is recommended for children 11-15 years old.
- 8 Four doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) is recommended by 15 months or more of age, however only 3 doses are required for day-care entry. If a child enters a day care on or after 15 months of age, and has not received 3 doses of Hib vaccine, only one dose on or after 15 months of age is required.
- 9 Unvaccinated children 7-11 months of age should receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd dose at age 12-15 months. Unvaccinated children 12-23 months of age should receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart. Previously unvaccinated children 24-59 months of age should receive only 1 dose.
- 10 Students enrolling in grades 6 through 10 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 10 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 10. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are recommended for all students, but not required for school entry.

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