

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

Vaccines	Pre-kindergarten (Day Care, Nursery, Head Start, or Pre-K) ²	School (k-12)
Diphtheria Toxoid-Containing Vaccine	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses) ³	3 doses (New York City schools – 4 doses – required for kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP) ⁴	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005 or 1 dose of Tdap for previously unvaccinated students 7 years of age or older ⁴
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	Born on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 12 for the 2013-2014 school year ⁵ 1 dose
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses ³	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) ⁶	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 ⁷
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 ⁸	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	Born on or after 1/1/2008 4 doses by 15 months of age, given at age-appropriate times and intervals ⁹	Not applicable
Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁶	1 dose	1 dose ¹⁰

- 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. Three doses of pertussis-containing vaccine are required for students 6 years of age or younger. One dose of Tdap is required for students 7 years of age or older who have not previously received 3 doses of DTaP.
- ⁵ Students enrolling in grades 6 through 12 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 12 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 12. Children ages 7-10 who have not been adequately vaccinated with DTP/DTaP, and for whom no contraindications exist, should receive a single dose of Tdap.
- ⁶ The New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Immunization 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 are required, except for those students who received 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) which are recommended for children 11-15 years old.
- ⁸ Four doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) are 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. PCV13 is the preferred vaccine for use in healthy unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children 2-71 months of age. A single supplemental dose of PCV13 is recommended for children 14-59 months who have already completed the age appropriate series of PCV7.
- ¹⁰ Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are recommended for all students, but not required for school entry.

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