2015-2016 School Year

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance[1]

NOTES: Children in a pre-kindergarten setting should be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP).

For grades pre-k through 7, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age (*exception*: intervals between doses of polio vaccine only need to be reviewed for grades kindergarten, 1, 6 and 7). Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 8 through 12. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule.

VACCINES	PRE-KINDERGARTEN (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	KINDERGARTEN through 1	GRADES 2 through 5	GRADES 6 through 7	GRADES 8 through 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap)[2]	**4 doses**	**5 doses** or **4 doses** if the 4th dose was received at 4 years of age or older or **3 doses** if the series is started at 7 years of age or older		**3 doses**	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap)[3]	**Not applicable**			**1 dose**	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)[4]	**3 doses**	**4 doses** or **3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	**3 doses**	**4 doses** or **3 doses** if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	**3 doses**
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)[5]	**1 dose**	**2 doses**			
Hepatitis B vaccine [6]	**3 doses**	**3 doses** or **2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine** (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between 11 through 15 years of age			
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine[7]	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**1 dose**
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)[8]	**1 to 4 doses**	**Not applicable**			
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)[9]	**1 to 4 doses**	**Not applicable**			

1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella or polio (for all three serotypes) antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.

2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
    a. Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 15 through 18 months, and 4 years of age or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
    b. If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not necessary.
    c. For children born prior to 1/1/2005, doses of DT and Td meet the immunization requirement for diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine.
    d. Children ages 7 through 10 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td vaccine. A Tdap vaccine (or incorrectly administered DTaP vaccine) received at 7 years or age or older will meet the 6th grade Tdap requirement.
    e. For previously unvaccinated children 7 years of age and older, the immunization requirement is 3 doses. Tdap should be given for the first dose, followed by two doses of Td in accordance with the ACIP recommended immunization schedule for persons 0-18 years of age: an initial Tdap followed 4 weeks later by a Td, and 6 months later by another Td.

3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (Minimum age: 7 years)
    a. Students 11 years of age or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap. A dose received at 7 years of age or older will meet this requirement.
    b. Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 are in compliance until they turn 11 years of age.

4. Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
    a. Children starting the series on time should receive a series of IPV at ages 2, 4, 6 through 18 months and 4 years of age or older . The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
    b. For students who received their fourth dose before August 7, 2010, 4 doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.
    c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at age 4 years or older, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not necessary.

5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
    a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
    b. Students in grades kindergarten through 12 must have received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine and at least 1 dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
    c. One dose of MMR is required for pre-kindergarten.

6. Hepatitis B vaccine.
    a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be received at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
    b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.

7. Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
    a. The first dose of varicella vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.

b. Two doses of varicella vaccine are required for students in grades kindergarten, 1, 6 and 7.
c. One dose of varicella vaccine is required for pre-kindergarten and grades 2 through 5 and 8 through 12.

8. Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
   a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 59 months of age.
   b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before 12 months of age, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months of age and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.
   c. If dose 1 was received at ages 12 through 14 months of age, only 2 doses are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
   d. If dose 1 was received at 15 months of age or older, only 1 dose is required.
   e. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age or older.

9. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
   a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 59 months of age. The final dose must be received at age 12 through 59 months of age.
   b. Unvaccinated children 7 through 11 months of age are required to receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd dose at age 12 through 15 months.
   c. Unvaccinated children 12 through 23 months of age are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.
   d. If one dose of vaccine was received at 24 months of age or older, no further doses are required.
   e. For further information, refer to the PCV chart available in the School Survey Instruction Booklet at http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/.

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