

Dear Parents,

The New Jersey State Department of Health & Senior Services has adopted the following immunization regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). These became effective January 1, 2008.

1) Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)

(a) Infants/Toddlers between 2 months and 11 months of age

Need a minimum of two age-appropriate doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), or fewer as medically-appropriate for the child's age.

(b) Children 12 months through 59 months of age

Need at least one dose of PCV on or after their first birthday.

2) Influenza Vaccine

For all children 6 months through 59 months of age

At least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1st and December 31st of each year is required.

Note: It is *recommended* that any child under 9 years of age, receiving influenza vaccine for the *first* time, get 2 doses of the vaccine. Thereafter, only one dose is needed each year.

Completion of at least one dose of PCV is required for admittance to school in September.

Completion of one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1st and December 31st is required to *prevent exclusion from school in January*.

Please provide documentation of completed immunizations to the director of the pre-school, licensed child care center:

If you are uninsured, contact your local health department to receive free immunizations.

In addition to these new immunizations listed above, your preschool child also needs the following immunizations to attend a preschool in New Jersey:

1. 4 doses DTP or DtaP
2. 3 doses of Polio
3. 1 MMR given on or after the first birthday
4. 1 HIB given after the first birthday
5. 1 Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) given after the first birthday