



# SEPTEMBER 2019

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE AND NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS

(PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS)

### ALL STUDENTS ENTERING A NEW YORK CITY (NYC) SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST HAVE A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The comprehensive medical examination must be documented on a Child Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205) and include the following:

Weight	Body Mass Index	Medical History
Height	Vision Screening	Developmental Assessment
Blood Pressure	Hearing Screening	Nutritional Evaluation
	Dental Screening	

All students entering NYC public or private schools or child care (including Universal 3-K and Pre-Kindergarten classes) for the first time must submit a report of a physical examination performed within one year of school entry. Because children develop and grow so quickly at these early ages, if this initial examination is performed before the student is age 5 years, a second examination, performed between the child’s fifth and sixth birthday, is also required. Fillable CH-205 forms that include the student’s pre-populated vaccination histories are available in the NYC Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). A savable version of the pre-populated CH-205 is also available in the CIR and is accessible for use and updates as needed.

Required Screening for Child Care Only	
Screening	Required Information
Anemia Screening	Hematocrit and Hemoglobin
Lead Screening, Assessment and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children under age 6 years must be assessed annually for lead exposure.</li> <li>Blood lead tests are required for children at ages 1 and 2 years AND other children up to age 6 years if they are at risk of exposure OR if no lead test was previously documented.</li> <li>For more information, call the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 311, or visit <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-guidelines_children.pdf">https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-guidelines_children.pdf</a></li> </ul>

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2019–20

The following immunization requirements are mandated by law for all students between the ages of 2 months and 18 years. Children must be excluded from school if they do not meet these requirements. To be considered fully immunized, a child must have an immunization history that includes all of the following vaccines. The child’s immunization record should be evaluated according to the grade they are attending this school year.

### PROVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS

New students may enter school or child care provisionally with documentation of at least this initial series of immunizations. Once admitted provisionally, subsequent vaccines must be administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) “catch up” schedule for the child to be considered “in process” and remain in school (refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>). Alternative schedules are not acceptable. Students must complete the entire series to comply with the law. Students who have not been immunized within the provisional period must be issued exclusion letters and excluded from school or child care until they comply with the requirements.

CHILD CARE/PRE-KINDERGARTEN	NO. OF DOSES
DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis) OR DTP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis).....	1
IPV (inactivated poliovirus) or OPV (oral poliovirus).....	1
MMR (measles-mumps-rubella).....	1
On or after the first birthday.	
Hib ( <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b).....	1
Hepatitis B.....	1
Varicella.....	1
On or after the first birthday.	
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV).....	1
Influenza.....	1
Depending on their influenza vaccine history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine. A second dose is not required.	

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12	NO. OF DOSES
DTaP, DTP, DT, Td (tetanus-diphtheria) OR Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis).....	1
Vaccine type as appropriate for age.	
Tdap (grades six through 12).....	1
IPV or OPV.....	1
MMR On or after the first birthday.....	1
Hepatitis B.....	1
Varicella.....	1
On or after the first birthday.	
Meningococcal (MenACWY) (seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades).....	1

# 2019–20: FULL COMPLIANCE

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

**Notes:** For grades Pre-Kindergarten through 11, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for people age 0 through 18 years. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grade 12. Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count. You MUST reference the footnotes for dose requirements and specific information about each vaccine. Children enrolling in grade-less classes should meet immunization requirements for their age-equivalent grade.

VACCINES	PRE-KINDERGARTEN (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-Kindergarten)	KINDERGARTEN through Grade 5	GRADES 6 through 11	GRADE 12
Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) <sup>2</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses if the child is age 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older		3 doses
Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) <sup>3</sup>	Not Applicable			1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>1,4</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older	4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older	3 doses
Measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>1,5</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>1,6</sup>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years	
Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine <sup>1,7</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>8</sup>	Not Applicable			2 doses or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not Applicable		
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>10</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not Applicable		
Influenza <sup>11</sup>	1 dose	Not Applicable		

**For more information contact:**

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization: 518-473-4437

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Immunization: 347-396-2433; Office of School Health Citywide (all districts): 347-396-4720

1. Documented serologic evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella meets the immunization requirements for 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. Effective 9/1/2019, polio serology is no longer accepted as proof of immunity to poliovirus.
2. **Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine**  
(Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a five-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 15 through 18 months, and age 4 years or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least six months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least four months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday.
  - 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. A sixth dose of DTaP, at least six months after the prior dose, may be required if the fifth dose was received prior to the fourth birthday.
  - d. For children born before January 1, 2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required, and doses of DT and Td can meet this requirement.
  - e. Children ages 7 years and older 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. If the first dose was received before their first birthday, then four doses are required. If the first dose was received on or after the first birthday, then three doses are required.
3. **Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine**  
(Minimum age: 7 years)
  - a. Students ages 11 years or older entering grades six through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.
  - b. Students without Tdap who are age 10 years in sixth grade are in compliance until they turn age 11 years.
  - c. A dose of Tdap or DTaP administered on or after age 7 years meets this requirement.
4. **Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV)**  
(Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive IPV at ages 2, 4, 6 through 18 months and age 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose.
  - b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 years and prior to August 7, 2010, four doses separated by at least four weeks is sufficient.
  - c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at age 4 years or older and at least six months after the previous dose, a fourth dose of IPV is not necessary.
  - d. A fifth dose of IPV, at least six months after the prior dose, may be required if the fourth dose was received prior to the fourth birthday.
  - e. If both OPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, the total number of doses and intervals between doses is the same as that recommended for the IPV schedule.
  - f. Only OPV administered before April 1, 2016 counts towards the completion of the polio series.
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 (four weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. Students in kindergarten through grade 12 must have received two doses of measles-containing vaccine, two doses of mumps-containing vaccine (except one dose of mumps-containing vaccine for grade 12), and at least one dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
6. **Hepatitis B vaccine**  
(Minimum age: birth)
  - a. The first dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. The second dose must be received at least four weeks (28 days) after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least eight weeks after the second dose AND at least 16 weeks after dose one AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
    - b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) received at least four months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
    - c. Administration of a total of four doses of hepatitis B vaccine is permitted when a combination vaccine containing Hep B is administered after the birth dose. This fourth dose is often needed to ensure that the last dose in the series is given on or after age 24 weeks.
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 (four weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
  - b. For children younger than age 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is three months (though if the second dose was administered at least four weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for people age 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is four weeks.
8. **Meningococcal Vaccine (MenACWY)**  
(Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Students entering grades seven, eight, nine, and ten are required to have received a single dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine against serogroups A, C, W-135 and Y (MenACWY vaccine).
  - b. Students entering grade 12 will need to have received two doses of MenACWY vaccine, or only one dose of MenACWY vaccine if the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older.
  - c. If the second dose was administered before age 16 years, then a third dose given on or after age 16 years is required.
  - d. The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is eight weeks.
9. **Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)**  
(Minimum age: 6 weeks)
  - a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 15 months.
  - b. If two doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only three doses are required, with the third dose at age 12 through 15 months and at least eight weeks after the second dose.
  - c. If the first dose was received at ages 12 through 14 months, only two doses are required, with the second dose at least eight weeks after the first dose.
  - d. If the first dose was received at age 15 months or older, only one dose is required.
  - e. Hib vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.
10. **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 15 months.
  - b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 months are required to receive two doses, at least four weeks apart, followed by a third dose at age 12 through 15 months.
  - c. Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months are required to receive two doses of vaccine at least eight weeks apart.
  - d. If one dose of vaccine was received at age 24 months or older, no further doses are required.
  - e. For more information, refer to the PCV chart available in the School Survey Instruction Booklet at [www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/](http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/).
11. **Influenza Vaccine**  
(Minimum age: 6 months)
  - a. All children 6 months through 59 months of age enrolled in New York City Article 47 & 43 regulated pre-kindergarten programs (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, or Pre-K) must receive one dose of influenza vaccine between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - b. Depending on their prior influenza vaccination history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine; however, a second dose is not required for school entry. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov/flu](http://cdc.gov/flu)) or New York City Department of Health (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/flu-seasonal.page>) website.