MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE AND NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS

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

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<td>Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)</td>
<td>One dose DTaP or DTP</td>
<td>Grades K–5: One dose DTaP, DTP, DT; or Td, Tdap (ages 7 years or older) Grades 6–12: one dose of Tdap</td>
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Depending on their influenza vaccine history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine. A second dose in not required for child care/prek attendance.
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### New York State Immunization Requirements for Child Care and School Entrance/Attendance

For all settings and grades (child care, head start, nursery, 3K, pre-kindergarten through 12), intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the AGIP-recommended immunization schedule for children age 0 through 18 years. Doses received earlier than allowable 4-day grace periods or before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count. Refer to the footnotes for dose requirements and specific information about each vaccine. Children enrolled in gradeless classes should meet immunization requirements for their age-equivalent grade. Children who do not in full compliance before the start of the school year must complete requirements according to the AGIP-recommended catch-up schedule in order to remain in child care or school.

### Footnotes

1. Documented serologic evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella meets the immunization requirements for those who are immune. Serologic evidence of immunity to polio is acceptable only if results are positive for all three serotypes and testing done prior to September 1, 2019. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child is immune is not acceptable for polio immunity.

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 4 or 6 years old. The fourth dose may be given as early as 12 months but no later than 18 months (four weeks) after the first dose is given. Depending on the date of birth, the second dose must be given at least 28 days (four weeks) after the first dose. The third dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
   b. If the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose is not necessary.
   c. If the fifth dose was received prior to the fourth birthday, a sixth dose, administered at least 6 months after the prior dose, will be required.
   d. For children born after January 1, 2015, immunity only to diphtheria is required; any diphtheria-containing vaccine can meet the requirement. (DTaP, DT, and Tdap).
   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, either Tdap orTd can be used. The first dose of DTaP/DTaP/TdPT before the first birthday, then total doses are required to complete the series. The first dose of DTaP/TdPT/Td was received on or after the first birthday, then three total doses are required to complete the series. The final dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday.

3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine

   **Minimum age: 7 years**
   a. Students ages 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Td.
   b. Students aged 11 years who are age 10 years upon entry to 6th grade are in compliance if they turn 11 years.
   c. In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series (see footnote 2e).
   d. In school year 2015-2016, only two doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at age 16 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for students in grades 6 through 12.
   e. DTaP should NOT be used on after the 7th birthday if it inadvertently received, the Tdap requirement is satisfied by doses of DTOP (see table). 3c.

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 or 6 years old. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
   b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 years if the 4th dose was prior to August 7, 2010, 4 doses separated by at least four weeks is sufficient; otherwise a 5th dose, administered at least 6 months after the prior dose, is required.
   c. If the third dose was received at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the prior dose, a 4th dose is not necessary.
   d. If both IPV and OPV 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. For IPV/OPV two-dose series, the series must be given before April 1, 2016 and be (IPV).

5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine

   **Minimum age: 12 months**
   a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be given before age 12 months through 18 months but no later than 18 months (four weeks) after the first dose is given.

6. Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine

   **Minimum age: 0 months**
   a. The first dose of HepB vaccine may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. The second dose must be given at least 28 days (four weeks) after the first dose.
   b. The third dose must be given by at least 8 weeks after the second dose and at least 16 weeks after dose one and no earlier than 24 weeks of age.

7. Meningococcal Vaccine (MenACWY)

   **Minimum age: 6 weeks**
   a. Students entering grades seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven are required to receive a single dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine against serogroups A, C, W, 135 Y (MenACWY vaccine).
   b. Students entering grade 12 need to receive two doses of MenACWY vaccine, or only one dose if 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. In school year 2020-2021, doses of MenACWY administered after age 10 years do not satisfy the requirement for students in grade 7 but do satisfy the requirement in grades 8 through 12.

8. Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (HiB)

   **Minimum age: 3 months**
   a. Children starting the series on time and receiving PPI-T HB vaccine should receive doses at ages 2, 4 months, 6 months, and 12 through 15 months. If the third dose was administered at age 12 through 15 months, the second dose is not required.
   b. If doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required with the third dose at 12 through 15 months and at least 6 weeks after the second dose.
   c. If the first dose was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with second dose at 8 weeks after the first dose.
   d. If the first dose received at age 15 months or older, no further doses are required.
   e. Hib vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.

9. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)

   **Minimum age: 6 weeks**
   a. Students entering the series on time should receive PCV at ages 2, 4, 6 months, 12 through 15 months.
   b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 years must receive two doses, at least four weeks apart, followed by a third dose at age 12 through 15 months and at least eight weeks after the prior dose.
   c. Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months must receive two doses at least eight weeks apart.
   d. If dose was received at age 24 months or older, no further doses are required.
   e. PCV vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.

10. Influenza Vaccine

    **Minimum age: 6 months**
    a. Children starting the series on time and receiving PPI-T HB vaccine should receive doses at ages 2, 4 months, 6 months, and 12 through 15 months.
    b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 years must receive two doses, at least four weeks apart, followed by a third dose at age 12 through 15 months and at least December 31st of each year.
    c. Depending on the timing of an individual vaccine, influenza vaccine varicella vaccine history, 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) or New York City Department of Health (https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/topics/s-szeld/page).

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