



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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Commissioner

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you of changes to New York State immunization regulations that may affect your child. The list of immunization requirements for 2014 is enclosed and at www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/sch-med-req.pdf. In order to attend childcare, you must submit proof of immunization to your child's child care program.

Please note the following changes to the immunization requirements for students attending daycare and pre-kindergarten in 2014-15:

- Haemophilus influenza Type B (Hib) vaccine: If your child has not received this vaccine or received his or her last dose before 15 months of age, he or she may need a dose of this vaccine.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV): If your child has not received this vaccine or received his or her last dose before age 2, he or she may need a dose of this vaccine.
- Influenza vaccine: Children must receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between July 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

Also, please note that all children 6 months to 59 months old enrolled in child care must receive an influenza vaccine by December 31st of each subsequent year. Frequently asked questions about the influenza vaccine requirement can be found at www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/day-care-flu-faq.pdf

These changes are in addition to requirements for DTaP (Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoids and Pertussis vaccine), Polio, MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella), Varicella, and Hepatitis vaccines. For all required vaccines, the numbers of doses and intervals between the doses must be considered valid.

Please note that the requirements for Hib and PCV are complex and depend on how many doses of vaccine have previously been received and the age when the vaccine was given. Please review the immunization history with your child's physician who can decide whether an additional dose of vaccine is required for daycare or Pre-K attendance.

Please contact your child's child care program director if you have questions. You may also visit the Bureau of Child Care's website at www.nyc.gov/health/childcare.

Sincerely,

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