**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2018–19**

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.

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| Lead Screening, Assessment and Testing | • All children under age 6 years must be assessed annually for lead exposure.  
• 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.  
• For more information, call the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 311, or visit https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-guidelines-children.pdf |

**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](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.
### VACCINES

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#### Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTaP/DT/DTP/Td/Tdap)²
- 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 received the first dose before age 1 and the series was started at age 1 year or older
- 3 doses

#### Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Meningococcal A, C, W, Y [MenACWY])³
- Not Applicable

#### Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)⁴
- 1 to 4 doses
- Not Applicable

#### Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)⁴
- 1 to 4 doses
- Not Applicable

#### Influenza⁵
- 1 dose
- Not Applicable

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1. **Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTaP/DT/DTP/Td/Tdap)**
   - Children starting the series on time should receive a five-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 18 months, and ages 4 and 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 before the fourth birthday.
   - If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not necessary.
   - 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.
   - For children born before January 1, 2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required and doses of DT and Td can meet this requirement.
   - Children ages 11 years or 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.

2. **Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine**
   - Minimum age: 6 weeks
   - Students starting the series on time should receive three doses of Tdap vaccine at ages 11 through 18 months, 4 through 6 years, and age 16 years or older.
   - If one dose of Tdap vaccine was received at age 24 months or older, no further doses are required, with the second dose at least eight weeks after the first dose.
   - 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.
   - If the first dose was received at ages 15 months or older, only one dose is required.

3. **Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV)**
   - Minimum age: 6 weeks
   - If the third dose of OPV was received at age 15 months or older, only four doses are required, with the fourth dose at age 4 years or older.
   - If the third dose of OPV was received at age 15 months or older, only four doses are required, with the fourth dose at age 4 years or older.
   - 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.
   - Only OPV administered before April 1, 2016 counts towards the completion of the polio series.

4. **Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine**
   - Minimum age: 12 months
   - 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 after the first dose. The second dose must be given at least 6 months after the second dose and the fourth dose must be administered no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
   - Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least four months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
   - The first dose may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. The second dose must be given at least 48 weeks after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 28 days after the second dose and the fourth dose must be administered no earlier than 24 weeks of age.

5. **Hepatitis B vaccine**
   - Minimum age: 1 year
   - A combination of a single dose of hepatitis B vaccine with hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) is recommended for all infants born to hepatitis B e antigen (HBsAg)-positive mothers.
   - A second dose is not required to complete the series for children born before January 1, 2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required.

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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
- Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/policy_and_regulations/requirements_for_child_care_and_school_entranceAttendance.pdf

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### 2018–19: FULL COMPLIANCE

New York State Immunization Requirements for Child Care and School Entrance/Attendance

Notes: For grades Pre-KinderGarten through 10, 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 grades 11 and 12 (or grades 11 and 12) due to the absence of the seasonality of influenza. You MUST reference the footnotes for dose requirements and specific information about each vaccine. Children enrolling in grade-less classes should meet requirements for their age-equivalent grade. See [https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/questions_and_answers.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/docs/questions_and_answers.pdf) for Frequently Asked Questions.