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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York City has updated the school immunization requirements for the 2026-2027 school year. A list of the vaccine requirements for the 2026-2027 school year is included with this letter. Vaccines protect children from getting and spreading diseases and are required for children to attend school. Combatting vaccine fraud in New York is a top priority to protect public health and safety and keeps children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Before the school year begins, you must submit proof of immunization or blood test results that show immunity for your child if they are attending child care or school.

All students in child care to grade 12 must meet the requirements for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (primary/catch-up series: DTaP for children under 7 years of age or Tdap for children 7 years of older); poliovirus (IPV or OPV but OPV does not count if after April 1, 2016); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); varicella; and hepatitis B vaccines.

Children younger than age 5 who are enrolled in child care and pre-kindergarten must also meet the requirements for the influenza (flu) vaccine (by December 31, 2026, but preferably when it becomes available in early fall) and the Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and pneumococcal conjugate (PCV) vaccines.

Children in grades 6 to 12 must also meet the requirements for the Tdap booster (6th grade) and meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine (grades 7-12).

Blood tests that show immunity to MMR, varicella or hepatitis B also meet the requirements (immunity to polio only acceptable if there is immunity to all serotypes 1,2,3 and done before September 2019).

Take time this summer to review your child's immunization history with their health care provider. Your child's provider can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to attend child care or school. Your provider can record vaccine doses on the Child and Adolescent Health Examination (CH205) form. Only providers licensed in NY, NJ or CT are authorized to complete and sign a CH205 and must be a Medical Doctor (MD), a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Physician Assistant (PA), or a Nurse Practitioner (NP).

Note: If your child received vaccine doses before the minimum age (too early), those doses do not count toward the number of doses needed.

If you have questions about these 2026-2027 vaccine requirements, contact your child care center or school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

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Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

Learn About Required Vaccinations in New York City.

2026-2027 School Year

All students ages 2 months to 18 years in New York City must get the following vaccinations to go to child care or school. Review your child's vaccine needs based on their grade level this school year. The chart below shows the number of valid doses that are required. The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary based on their age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions or previous doses were given too early (not valid); OPV does not count if after April 1, 2016. Blood tests that show immunity to measles, mumps and rubella, varicella, or hepatitis B also meet the requirements (immunity to polio is only acceptable if the lab test shows immunity to all 3 serotypes 1,2,3 and was done before September 2019).

Vaccinations	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 2-K, 3-K or Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten to Grade 5	Grades 6 to 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP or Tdap for children age 7 or older) (for primary/catch-up series)	Four doses	Five doses (or four doses only if the fourth dose was received at age 4 or older, or three doses only if the child is age 7 or older and the series was started at age 1 or older)	Three doses	
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) booster			One dose (required at age 11 or older when entering grades 6 to 12 and in compliance until age 11)	
Polio (IPV or OPV if before April 1, 2016)	Three doses	Four doses (or three doses if the third dose was received at age 4 or older)		
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	One dose	Two doses		
Hepatitis B	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses (or two doses of the adult hepatitis B vaccine, Recombivax HB, if the doses were received at least four months apart between ages 11 and 15)	
Varicella (chickenpox)	One dose	Two doses		
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)			Grade 6: Not applicable Grades 7 to 11: One dose	Grade 12: Two doses (or one dose if the first dose was received at age 16 or older)
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)	One to four doses (depending on the child's age and doses they previously received)			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	One to four doses (depending on the child's age and doses they previously received)			
Influenza (flu)	One dose (2 nd dose if needed is not required for attendance)			

Talk to your child's health care provider if you have any questions.
For more information, call **311** or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **student vaccines**.



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