

Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

Learn about required vaccinations in New York City

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.

| VACCINATIONS | Pre-Kindergarten (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-k) | Kindergarten – Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grades 6 – 10 | Grades 11 – 12 |
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| Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP) | 4 doses | 5 doses or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses ONLY if the child is 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older | | 3 doses | |
| Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster (Tdap) | | | | 1 dose (on or after age 11 years) | |
| Polio (IPV/OPV) | 3 doses | 4 doses or 3 doses ONLY if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older | 3 doses | 4 doses or 3 doses ONLY if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older | 3 doses |
| Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) | 1 dose | 2 doses | | | |
| Hepatitis B | 3 doses | 3 doses | | | |
| Varicella (chickenpox) | 1 dose | 2 doses | 1 dose | 2 doses | 1 dose |
| Haemophilus influenzae type B conjugate (Hib) | 1 to 4 doses Depends on child’s age and doses previously received | | | | |
| Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV) | 1 to 4 doses Depends on child’s age and doses previously received | | | | |
| Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) | | | | Grades 7, 8 and 9: 1 dose | Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose ONLY if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older |

The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary based on age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions. Talk to your doctor if you have questions. For more information, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **student vaccines**.



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A healthy school environment gives all students the best chance to learn and grow. Vaccinations are very important to this effort; they help children avoid getting or spreading diseases that can make them very sick.

Your registration packet includes an **immunization chart** that shows the vaccinations your child needs to attend child care or go to school in New York City. The requirements are for all children ages 2 months to 18 years who go to child care, public school or private school. The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary by age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions; talk to your child's doctor if you have questions.

If your child does not have all required vaccines, they may be able to start school with at least one dose of the required vaccines and then receive the other doses based on an official schedule (i.e. start "provisionally").

Your packet also includes a **Physical Examination Form (CH-205)**. All students entering New York City public or private schools or child care (including universal pre-K 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 5 years old, a second examination, performed between the child's fifth and sixth birthday, is also required.

For more details on child care and school vaccinations, visit schools.nyc.gov or nyc.gov/health (search **school vaccines**).

Sincerely,

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