

VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR DAY CARE, PRE-K AND GRADE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In New York State, caregivers must show proof of a child's up-to-date vaccinations within 14 days of the first day of school or day care. To learn more, visit: <https://on.ny.gov/3WllzX8>

Within 14 days of the first day of school or day care, caregivers must:

- Show proof of their child's up-to-date vaccinations, OR
- Provide a valid medical exemption from vaccination.

In order to attend or remain in school or day care, children who are unvaccinated or overdue must receive at least the first dose of all required vaccines within the first 14 days. They also must receive subsequent vaccines in the series within a 14-day period of when they are due to complete the immunization series.

 **MAKE YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL CHECK-UP APPOINTMENT EARLY EACH SUMMER!**

Vaccines required for day care, pre-K, and school

Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP or Tdap)

- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)
- Polio vaccine
- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine

Additional vaccines required for day care and pre-K

- Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (HiB)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)

Additional vaccines required for middle school and high school

- Tdap vaccine for Grades 6-12
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for Grades 7-12
- Students in Grade 12 need an additional booster dose of MenACWY on or after their 16th birthday

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINES IN NEW YORK STATE, VISIT: [HEALTH.NY.GOV/PREVENTION/IMMUNIZATION](https://health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization)**



For support making vaccines less stressful for children, check out these tips from the CDC: bit.ly/vaccineslessstressful

NYSIIS

The New York State Immunization Information System is the central digital system where health care providers enter information about what vaccines you have received. This info is available to schools and hospitals as well as the Department of Health. Your NYSIIS profile should have the most accurate information about what vaccines you have received and which ones you still need or need boosters for.



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NOTES:

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in New York State. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the "[ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#)." Doses received before the minimum age or intervals shown on the schedule are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in gradeless classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older and the series was started at less than 1 year of age or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³	Not applicable		1 dose given after age 10 years	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart and between the ages of 11 years through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸	Not applicable		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		



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Source: https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school_vaccines/