

Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

Learn about required vaccinations in New York City

All students 2 months to 18 years old in New York City must get the following vaccinations to go to child care or school. Review your child’s vaccine needs based on his or her grade level this school year.

VACCINATIONS	Pre-Kindergarten (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten – Grade 3	Grades 4 – 5	Grades 6 – 9	Grades 10 – 12
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses ONLY if the 4th dose was received at 4 years of age or older or 3 doses ONLY if the child is 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older		3 doses	
Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap)				1 dose, after 11 years of age	
Polio (IPV/OPV)	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses ONLY if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses ONLY if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age 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 and 8: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose ONLY if the 1st dose was received at 16 years of age 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 2 months to 18 years old 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 5th and 6th birthday, is also required.

For more details on child care and school vaccinations, visit schools.nyc.gov or nyc.gov/health (search **school vaccines**). You may also call the Office of School Health at 347-396-4720.

Sincerely,

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