

Summary of Immunization Requirements as Specified in Chapter 14

Immunization of Pupils in Schools

N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 to 8:57-4.20

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Pre-K, Nursery Schools, and Child Care Centers		
<i>Required Vaccines</i>	<i># Doses</i>	<i>Comments</i>
DTaP (or DTP)	per ACIP	See attached ACIP guidelines for age-specific requirements
Polio		
Hib		
MMR		
Varicella	1	Administered no earlier than 4 days before 1 st birthday
Influenza	Every year	For those children between 6 and 59 months of age only; Annual immunization between September 1 st and December 31 st of each year
PCV	per ACIP	For those children who are two to 11 months
	1	For those children 12 through 59 months, at least one dose of PCV on or after 1 st birthday
Kindergarten or Grade 1		
<i>Required Vaccines</i>	<i># Total Doses</i>	<i>Comments</i>
DTaP	4	With at least one dose administered on or after the 4 th birthday or any combination to equal a 5 dose total
Polio	3	With at least one dose administered no earlier than on or after the 4 th birthday or any 4 doses administered at least 28 days apart
Measles	2	Given no less than 1 month (28 days) apart, with the first dose given no earlier than on or after the 1 st birthday; evidence of immunity also acceptable
Mumps and Rubella	1	Administered no earlier than on or after the 1 st birthday; evidence of immunity also acceptable
Hepatitis B	3	Laboratory evidence of immunity shall be accepted provided titers drawn at least 2 months after the last dose given. Titer should be positive or show value ≥ 10
Varicella	1	First dose administered no earlier than on or after the 1 st birthday for children born after January 1 st , 1998. Laboratory evidence of immunity or physician or parental statement of previous varicella disease also acceptable

Grade 6		
<i>Required Vaccines</i>	<i># Total Doses</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Hepatitis B	3	For students born on or after January 1, 1990; Laboratory evidence of immunity shall be accepted provided titers drawn at least 2 months after the last dose given. Titer should be positive or show value ≥ 10
Grade 6 (continued)		
<i>Required Vaccines</i>	<i># Total Doses</i>	<i># Doses</i>
Meningitis	1	For students born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country
Tdap	1 booster	For students born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in Grade Six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country
All immunizations listed for Kindergarten and Grade 1	See above	See above
High School Grades 9-12		
<i>Required Vaccines</i>	<i># Total Doses</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Hepatitis B	3	For students born on or after January 1, 1990; Laboratory evidence of immunity shall be accepted provided titers drawn at least 2 months after the last dose given. Titer should be positive or show value ≥ 10
All immunizations listed for Kindergarten and Grade 1	See above	See above

NOTES:

- See N.J.A.C. **8:57-4.3** for guidelines concerning Medical Exemptions.
- See N.J.A.C. **8:57-4.4** for guidelines concerning Religious Exemptions.
- See N.J.A.C. **8:57-4.5** for guidelines concerning Provisional Admission. In addition, an amendment at N.J.A.C. **8:57-4.5(e)** requires schools and child care centers to provide a 30-day grace period for pupils coming from out-of-State or out-of-country to remain in school while they obtain their immunization record documentation.
- An amendment at N.J.A.C. **8:57-4.23(b)** permits all mandated vaccine doses required in this subchapter, when given within four days of the specified minimum age or a stated dose spacing interval, to be counted as a valid dose and not requiring revaccination.
- The new requirements for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and annual influenza vaccine apply to both child care centers and preschool facilities.
- The varicella booster upon entering kindergarten is currently recommended by both CDC and NJDHSS but NOT mandated.