

FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS: K-12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



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Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

Summary of NJ School Immunization Requirements

Listed in the chart below are the minimum required number of doses your child must have to attend a NJ school.* This is strictly a summary document. Exceptions to these requirements (i.e. provisional admission, grace periods, and exemptions) are specified in the Immunization of Pupils in School rules, New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). Please reference the administrative rules for more details https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements/acode/. Additional vaccines are recommended by Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for optimal protection. For the complete ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

Grade/level child enters school.	Minimum Number of Doses for Each Vaccine							
	DTap Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis	Polio Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	Meningococcal	Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	
Kindergarten— 1 st grade	A total of 4 doses with one of these doses on or after the 4 th birthday. <u>OR</u> any 5 doses ¹	A total of 3 doses with one of these doses given on or after the 4 th birthday. <u>OR</u> any 4 doses ²	2 doses ³	1 dose	3 doses	None	None	
2 nd — 5 th grade	3 doses <i>NOTE: Children 7 years of age and older who have not been previously vaccinated with the primary DTap series, should receive 3 doses of Td. For use of Tdap, see footnote 1</i>	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	None	See footnote 1	
6 th grade and higher	3 doses	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 given no earlier than ten years of age ¹	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 ¹	