



FOR CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS AND PARENTS: CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



NJ Department of Health
Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

New Jersey Minimum Immunization Requirements for Child Care/Preschool Attendance
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School

Listed in the chart below are the minimum required number of doses your child must have in order to enroll/attend a child care/preschool facility in NJ. Additional vaccines are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), but only the following are required for child care/preschool attendance in NJ. For the complete ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

At this age the child should have received the following vaccines:	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19 months	20-59 months
Diphtheria, tetanus & acellular pertussis (DTaP)	Dose #1	Dose #2	Dose #3			Dose #4		
Inactivated Poliovirus (Polio)	Dose #1	Dose #2				Dose#3		
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Dose #1	Dose #2		1-4 doses* (see footnote)	At least 1 dose given on or after the first birthday	At least 1 dose given on or after the first birthday		
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV 13)	Dose #1	Dose #2		1-4 doses* (see footnote)	At least 1 dose given on or after the first birthday			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)					Dose #1†			
Varicella (VAR)								Dose #1 †
Influenza (IV: IAV)					One dose due each year †			

Interpretation: Children need to receive the minimum number of age-appropriate vaccines prior to entering child care/preschool. For example, a child 2 months of age, must have 1 dose each of DTaP, Polio, Hib, and PCV before being permitted to enter child care/preschool. A child entering at a younger age range than listed above must have proof of receiving vaccines in the previous age bracket. Example: A child entering child care/preschool at 11 months of age, would need at least the following: 3 DTaP, 2 Polio, 2 Hib, and 2 PCV. The current seasonal flu vaccine is required every year by December 31 for children 6-59 months of age.



FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS: K-12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



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New Jersey Minimum Immunization Requirements for Kindergarten-Grade 12 Attendance
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Guide for checking compliance
 Step 1: Each child attending/enrolling must present documentation of immunizations or valid medical or religious exemption to vaccines. In order to allow a child to enter school, he/she must have at least one dose of each age-appropriate required vaccine.
 Step 2: Determine child's present grade level.
 Step 3: Compare the child's record with the requirements listed on the chart below.

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*	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 doses	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 Tetanus, diphtheria (Td)</i>	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	None	None	
6 th grade and higher	3 doses	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/98*	3 doses	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 given no earlier than ten years of age**	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97	