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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York City has updated the school immunization requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. A list of these requirements for 2020-2021 is included with this letter. Before the school year begins, you must submit proof of immunization for your child if they are attending child care or school.

All students in child care through grade 12 must meet the requirements for:

- The DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis), poliovirus, MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), varicella and hepatitis B vaccines.

Children under age 5 who are enrolled in child care and pre-kindergarten (pre-K) must also meet the requirements for:

- The Hib (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b) and PCV (pneumococcal conjugate) vaccines.
- The influenza (flu) vaccine: Children must receive the flu vaccine by December 30, 2020 (preferably, when it becomes available in early fall).

Children in grades 6 through 12 must also meet the requirements for:

- The Tdap booster and MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines.

Please review your child's immunization history with your child's health care provider. Their provider can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to attend child care or school this year.

If you have questions about these 2020-2021 requirements, please contact your child care center or school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

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Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

2020-2021 School Year

Learn about required vaccinations in New York City.

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

VACCINATIONS	Pre-Kindergarten (Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-k)	Kindergarten – Grade 5	Grades 6 – 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses ONLY if the child is 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster (Tdap)				1 dose (at or after age 11 years)
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older		
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult Hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB) if the doses were received at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 and 15 years	
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)				Grade 6: Not applicable Grades 7 – 11: 1 dose 2 doses or 1 dose ONLY if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older
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			
Influenza	1 dose			

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 health care provider if you have questions. For more information, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **student vaccines**.



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