

# 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 2	Grades 3 – 5	Grades 6 – 8	Grades 9 – 12
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)	<b>4 doses</b>	<b>5 doses</b> or 4 doses ONLY if the 4th dose was received at 4 years of age or older or 3 doses ONLY if the series is started or completed at 7 years of age or older		<b>3 doses</b>	
Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis booster (Tdap)	/			<b>1 dose</b>	
Polio (IPV/OPV)	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>4 doses</b> or 3 doses ONLY if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>4 doses</b> or 3 doses ONLY if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	<b>3 doses</b>
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>			
Hepatitis B	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>			
Varicella (Chickenpox)	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>1 dose</b>
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)	<b>1 to 4 doses</b> Depends on child’s age and doses previously received	/			
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)	<b>1 to 4 doses</b> Depends on child’s age and doses previously received	/			
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	/			<b>Grade 7: 1 dose</b>	<b>Grade 12: 2 doses</b> 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 he or she received. Additional vaccines or vaccine doses may be needed if your child has certain health conditions. Talk to your doctor if you have questions. For more information, call 311 or visit [nyc.gov/health](http://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 he or she received. Additional vaccines or vaccine doses may be needed if your child has certain health conditions; talk to your child's doctor if you have questions.

If your child does not have all required vaccines, he or she 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](http://schools.nyc.gov) or [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) (search "**School Vaccines**"). You may also call the Office of School Health at 347-396-4720 or the Bureau of Child Care at 646-632-6100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Lawrence".

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