



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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Commissioner

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The New York City Health Department is writing to inform you of a Health Code change that may affect the immunization requirements for your child. **Between July 1 and December 31 of each year, all children between the ages of 6 months and 59 months and attending a group child care or school-based child care program must receive one dose of influenza vaccine.**

This change is in addition to the existing requirements for DTaP (diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine), polio, MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), varicella, and hepatitis vaccines. The complete list of immunization requirements for 2018 is enclosed. In order for your child to attend child care, you must submit proof of immunization to your child's program.

Please note that the requirements for Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine (Hib) and pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) are complex and depend on how many doses of vaccine have previously been received and the age when the vaccine was given. Please review the immunization history with your child's physician who can decide whether an additional dose of vaccine is required for child care entry.

Feel free to contact your program administrative office if you have questions about these requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monica Pollock'.

Monica Pollock, MSEd
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Bureau of Child Care