

New Jersey Department of Health
MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

Disease(s)	Meets Immunization Requirements	Comments
DTaP//DTP	<u>Age 1-6 years</u> : 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4 th birthday, OR any 5 doses. <u>Age 7-9 years</u> : 3 doses of Td or any previously administered combination of DTP, DTaP, and DT to equal 3 doses	Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 4 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday, to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Pupils after the seventh birthday should receive adult type Td. Please note: there is no acceptable titer test for pertussis.
Tdap	<u>Grade 6</u> (or comparable age level for special education programs): 1 dose	For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. A child is not required to have a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
Polio	<u>Age 1-6 years</u> : 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4 th birthday, OR any 4 doses. <u>Age 7 or Older</u> : Any 3 doses	Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 3 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Either Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV) separately or in combination is acceptable. Polio vaccine is not required of pupils 18 years or older.*
Measles	If born before 1-1-90, 1 dose of a live measles-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. If born on or after 1-1-90, 2 doses of a live measles-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday.	Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 1 dose of measles vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 2 doses. Intervals between first and second measles-containing vaccine doses cannot be less than 1 month. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.**
Rubella and Mumps	1 dose of live mumps-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. 1 dose of live rubella-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday	Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs 1 dose of rubella and mumps vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 1 dose each. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.**
Varicella	1 dose on or after the first birthday	All children 19 months of age and older enrolled into a child care/pre-school center after 9-1-04 or children born on or after 1-1-98 entering the school for the first time in Kindergarten or Grade 1 need 1 dose of varicella vaccine. Laboratory evidence of immunity, physician's statement or a parental statement of previous varicella disease is acceptable.
Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib)	<u>Age 2-11 Months</u> : 2 doses <u>Age 12-59 Months</u> : 1 dose	Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten: Minimum of 2 doses of Hib-containing vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. Minimum of 1 dose of Hib-containing vaccine is needed after the first birthday.***
Hepatitis B	<u>K-Grade 12</u> : 3 doses or <u>Age 11-15 years</u> : 2 doses	If a child is between 11-15 years of age and has not received 3 prior doses of Hepatitis B then the child is eligible to receive 2-dose Hepatitis B Adolescent formulation.
Pneumococcal	<u>Age 2-11 months</u> : 2 doses <u>Age 12-59 months</u> : 1 dose	Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten: Minimum of 2 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. Minimum of 1 dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed after the first birthday.***
Meningococcal	Entering Grade 6 (or comparable age level for Special Ed programs): 1 dose	For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97.*** This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade 6.
Influenza	<u>Ages 6-59 Months</u> : 1 dose annually	For children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten on or after 9-1-08. 1 dose to be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year. Students entering school after December 31 up until March 31 must receive 1 dose since it is still flu season during this time period.