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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York City has updated the school immunization requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. A list of these requirements for 2021-2022 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 31, 2021 (preferably, when it becomes available in early fall).

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

- The Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) 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. Please note: If your child received doses of vaccine BEFORE the minimum age (too early), those doses do NOT count toward the number of doses needed.

If you have questions about these 2021-2022 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?

2021-2022 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 childcare or school. Review your child's vaccine needs based on their grade level this school year.

| VACCINATIONS   | CHILD CARE, HEAD START, NURSERY, 3K OR PRE-KINDERGARTEN              | KINDERGARTEN - Grade 5   | GRADES 6 -11   | GRADE12  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Diphtheria , tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP)           | 4 doses  | 5 doses<br>or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older<br>or 3 doses ONLY if the child is age 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<br>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<br>or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB®) if the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years |  |
| Varicella (chickenpox)                               | 1 dose   | 2 doses  |  |  |
| Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)                    |  |  | Grade 6: Not applicable<br>Grades 7-11: 1 dose   | Grade 12: 2 doses<br>or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older |
| <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate (Hib) | 1 to 4 doses<br>Depends on child's age and doses previously received |  |  |  |
| Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)                         | 1 to 4 doses<br>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 or if previous doses were given too early. Talk to your health care provider 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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