

**Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Public Health Nursing
Non-Public School Health Services**

**Immunization Requirements
For School Attendance in New Jersey**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services makes available the law that states which vaccines a child needs to attend school in New Jersey. As per New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL; REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY below is listed, according to age/grade, the vaccines required.

Pre-K

Dtap = minimum of 4 doses

Polio (IVP) = minimum of 3 doses

MMR = 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday

HiB = minimum of 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday

Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV) = minimum of 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday

Varicella = 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday or *parental/health care provider statement of previous chicken pox disease or laboratory evidence of immunity*

Influenza = 1 seasonal dose given *annually* between September 1st through December 31st

Kindergarten

Dtap = minimum of 4 doses, with 4th dose given on or after the 4th birthday OR any 5 doses properly spaced

Polio (IVP) = minimum of 3 doses, with 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday OR any 4 doses properly spaced

MMR = 2 doses given on or after 1st birthday and properly spaced OR *laboratory evidence of immunity in lieu of dose 2*

Varicella = same as above (the ACIP is presently recommending that a 2nd dose be given at age 4 as a booster)

HIB = not required after age 5

Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV) = not required after age 5

Hepatitis B = 3 dose series is required

Grades 1 - 5

All immunizations required as above

Grade 6

All immunizations required as above PLUS:

Tdap = 1 dose by 11 years of age

Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) = 1 dose by 11 years of age

Grade 7 – 8

All immunizations required as above

Any child born on or after January 1, 1997 and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country after September 1, 2008, must provide documentation of having received 1 dose of Tdap and Meningococcal Conjugate. **Any child transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country** may enter school provided they have received at least 1 dose of each required vaccine. They will have 1 year to complete each vaccine series.

Unless already on file in the health office, documentation of these required immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse **PRIOR** to the child entering school/grade. Noncompliance will temporarily prevent school attendance until the vaccines are given and documentation submitted. Please keep the school nurse updated on any additional vaccines your child receives.