

Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Immunization Requirements for the 2014-2015 School Year

General Info

- NYSDOH regulations now follow the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended immunization guidelines for those immunizations required by Public Health Law 2164. ACIP is composed of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the US, and they are responsible for making vaccine recommendations to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The new immunization requirements for school entrance/attendance go into effect July 1, 2014.
Note: July 1, 2014 is the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.
- District administrators and private providers have been informed of the changes.
- Electronic health records, the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) automatically compare entered vaccines against what has been programmed as required for a given age, grade, timing of administration or number of vaccines in a series. We recommend you contact your health office software vendor to inform them of these changes effective as of July 1, 2014, to make sure that your software is updated to meet the NYS Requirements.

Vaccine Specific Info

- Students in grades K and 6th will need 2 varicella vaccines, and may need an additional dose of IPV. (Students in grades 1–5 and 7-12 are not required to have additional doses of these vaccines).
- Students no longer need 2 doses of MMR to enter kindergarten unless they are 7 years of age or older. Per NYSDOH regulations and ACIP Guidelines, a 2nd dose of MMR is required by age 7.
- Students in grades pre-K-6th may need additional doses of DTP/DTaP if under age 7, or Tdap/Td if 7 years of age and older.
- There are no changes for grades 7-12.
- Serologic evidence is now acceptable for Polio as well as MMR, Hep B and Varicella. For Polio, antibodies must include all three serotypes to be accepted as proof of immunity.
- Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually; and must specify the immunization exempted, sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to the specific immunization, and specify the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated. A sample medical exemption form is available at:
<http://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf>

NYSDOH Vaccine and Dose Change and Dose Intervals Information for the 2014-2015 School Year

Pre-Kindergarten Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2014	How has this changed from 2013
DTP DTaP	4 doses	Previously needed 3 doses (NYC has always required 4 doses)
HIB	1-4 doses	Dosing addressed in more detail
PCV	1-4 doses	Dosing addressed in more detail

Kindergarten Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2014	How has this changed from 2013
DTP DTaP	4 -5 doses	Previously needed 3 doses (NYC has always required 4 doses)
Polio	3-4 doses	Previously needed 3 doses
MMR Mumps- Measles-Rubella	1 dose	Previously needed 2 doses of Measles, but only 1 dose of Mumps and Rubella
Varicella	2 doses	Previously needed 1 dose

Grades 1-5 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2014	How has this changed from 2013
DTP DTaP	4 -5 doses	Previously needed 3 doses (NYC has always required 4 doses)

Grade 6 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2014	How has this changed from 2013
Varicella	2 doses	Previously needed 1 dose
IPV-OPV (Polio)	3-4 doses	Previously needed 3 doses

Dosing Intervals for Vaccines					
Vaccine	Minimum age Dose #1	Dose #1 to Dose #2	Dose #2 to Dose #3	Dose #3 to Dose #4	Dose #4 to Dose #5
(DTaP/DTP) younger than age 7*	birth	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 mos	6 mos ¹
*For students 7-10 years of age not fully immunized Tdap/Td is given	7 years of age Tdap	4 weeks Td {used if additional dose(s) required}	4 weeks Td{used if additional dose(s) required}	N/A	N/A
IPV	6 weeks of age	4 weeks	4 weeks	8 weeks ²	N/A
MMR	12 mos of age ³	4 weeks ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Varicella	12 mos of age	3 mos ⁵	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hib	6 weeks of age	See ACIP ⁶	See ACIP	See ACIP	N/A
Pneumococcal	6 weeks of age	See DOH chart ⁷	See DOH chart	See DOH chart	N/A

Footnotes for Dosing Intervals for Vaccines

¹ DTaP/DTP - 5th dose not required if 4th dose given at 4 years of age and older

² IPV - For students 4 years of age and older who have not received a 4th dose, 3 doses are sufficient. For students who received OPV and IPV in the series, a total of 4 doses are required regardless of age.

³ MMR- In certain circumstances a dose may be given at an earlier age, check with your regional immunization bureau for such students

⁴ MMR - Students 7 years of age and older must have 2 doses of measles and mumps containing vaccine and, at least, 1 dose of rubella containing vaccine.

⁵ Varicella - 4 weeks interval between doses if student 13 years of age and older.

⁶ See ACIP chart for specifics on intervals - [ACIP - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)

⁷ See DOH chart for specifics on intervals - [NYSDOH Pneumococcal Vaccine Schedule](#)

Additional resources which will help clarify these requirements include:

- [ACIP - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)
- [NYSDOH Pneumococcal Vaccine Schedule](#)
- [NYSDOH Tdap Questions & Answers from the New York State Department of Health](#)
- [US Vaccines list which identifies vaccine brands and components](#)
- [New York Statewide School Health Services Center Website – Immunization Page](#)