

Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

Learn About Required Vaccinations in New York City.

2025-2026 School Year

All students ages 2 months to 18 years in New York City must get the following vaccinations to go to child care or school. Review your child's vaccine needs based on their grade level this school year. The chart below shows the number of valid doses that are required. The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary based on their age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions or previous doses were given too early (not valid); OPV does not count if after April 1, 2016. Blood tests that show immunity to measles, mumps and rubella, varicella, or hepatitis B also meet the requirements (immunity to polio is only acceptable if the lab test shows immunity to all 3 serotypes 1,2,3 and was done before September 2019).

Vaccinations	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3-K or Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten to Grade 5	Grades 6 to 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP)	Four doses	Five doses (or four doses only if the fourth dose was received at age 4 or older, or three doses only if the child is age 7 or older and the series was started at age 1 or older)	Three doses	
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) booster			One dose (required at age 11 or older when entering grades 6 to 12 and in compliance until age 11)	
Polio (IPV or OPV if before April 1, 2016)	Three doses	Four doses (or three doses if the third dose was received at age 4 or older)		
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	One dose	Two doses		
Hepatitis B	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses (or two doses of the adult hepatitis B vaccine, Recombivax HB, if the doses were received at least four months apart between ages 11 and 15)	
Varicella (chickenpox)	One dose	Two doses		
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)			Grade 6: Not applicable Grades 7 to 11: One dose	Grade 12: Two doses (or one dose if the first dose was received at age 16 or older)
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)	One to four doses (depending on the child's age and doses they previously received)			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	One to four doses (depending on the child's age and doses they previously received)			
Influenza (flu)	One dose (2 nd dose if needed is not required for attendance)			

Talk to your child's health care provider if you have any questions.
For more information, call **311** or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **student vaccines**.



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