

Immunization Requirements
NJ Administrative Code 8:57-4

Hib Vaccine

One dose is required on or after the 1st birthday for Preschool Students.

Influenza Vaccine

The current seasonal influenza vaccine is required every year for those children 6 months through 59 months of age. Children who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31 must be excluded (not allowed to attend preschool) for the duration of influenza season (through March 31) until they receive at least one dose of the influenza vaccine or until they turn 60 months of age.

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis)

Every student less than seven years of age, a minimum of 4 doses of DTaP is required. One dose must be administered on or after their 4th birthday. Any child with a total of 5 doses will also be in compliance with this regulation. As of the 2020-2021 school year, children who receive a Tdap before age 10 would need to receive an additional dose to meet NJ's immunization requirements for 6th grade and higher.

Poliovirus Vaccine

Every student less than 7 years of age, a minimum of three doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV or IPV) is required provided one dose is given on or after 4th birthday. Alternatively, a student with any four doses of polio vaccine spaced by a minimum of one month (28 days) will be in compliance with this regulation.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine)

Two doses of a measles containing vaccine given on or after the first birthday (MMR) for those students entering kindergarten. Two doses of measles containing vaccine must be separated by an interval of at least one month (28 days). If your child has had antibody titers in lieu of a second dose of MMR, laboratory results will be submitted with the immunization record.

Hepatitis B Vaccine

All students are required to have documentation of 3 doses of Hepatitis B.

Minimum intervals:

- dose 1 to dose 2: 4 weeks
- dose 2 to dose 3: 8 weeks
- dose 1 to dose 3: 16 weeks

Varicella

All children born on or after January 1, 1998 must have one dose of varicella vaccination given on or after their first birthday or official proof of disease from a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner or a parents written statement that the child previously had chicken pox.

Meningococcal Vaccine

Meningococcal vaccines are required for all entering 6th graders who are 11 years of age or older. If in 6th grade and under age 11, children must receive the vaccines within 2 weeks of their 11th birthday. Meningococcal vaccines administered at age 10 or older will be accepted for NJ school attendance.

Medical Exemption

(a) A student shall not be required to have any specific immunizations, which are medically contraindicated.(b) An institution shall exempt a student from the specific immunization requirements for the stated period of time based on a written statement submitted to the institution by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy, or an advanced practice nurse in any jurisdiction of the United States, or in any foreign country, indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specific period of time, and setting forth the reason(s) for the medical contraindication, based upon valid medical reasons as enumerated by the 2007 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Recommended Child, Adolescent, and Adult Immunization Schedules and the ACIP Recommendations

Religious Exemption

A student shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the student objects thereto in a written statement submitted to the institution, signed by the student or a parent or legal guardian if a minor, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the student's religious beliefs; except as provided at 8:57-6.8(b) and 6.9(f).

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