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School Admission Requirements

For the School Year 2004-2005

The law requires that all new students—children entering day care, nursery, pre-school/pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten through grade 12 in New York City for the first time—must show proof of having received a complete medical evaluation.¹ (Children who transfer or graduate from one New York City public school to another are not considered "new" students.) Immunization requirements appear below. *All children attending day care, nursery, or pre-school/pre-kindergarten born on or after January 1, 2000, must have received 1 dose of varicella vaccine.² All children attending kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade, born on or after January 1, 1998, must have received 1 dose of varicella vaccine. In September 2004, all children entering the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades (not just new students) must have the full series of hepatitis B vaccine to comply with New York State law.² Any student entering an ungraded class who is 12 years old (or will be 12 years old by December 31, 2004) also must be vaccinated against hepatitis B. (See back page for more information.) In addition:*

- No child shall be admitted to day care, nursery, or pre-school/pre-kindergarten unless he or she has received a complete age-appropriate medical examination, including, but not limited to: medical history; physical examination; nutritional and developmental assessment; and, as appropriate, anemia, dental health, vision, and hearing screening. There also must be appropriate documentation that each child has had a blood lead test.³
- For the medical evaluation of children entering grades kindergarten through 12, health care providers should refer to the current recommendations for preventive pediatric health care by the American Academy of Pediatrics.⁴
- A Mantoux tuberculin skin test is required *only* for students *newly* entering the school system in secondary schools (intermediate, junior high, middle school, and high school).⁵ For additional information on the TB examination requirements for new school entrants, visit www.nyc.gov/html/doh/pdf/chi/scah0405.pdf. See reverse page for guidelines on interpreting the tuberculin skin test.

Immunization Requirements for Students in New York City: All Day Care Centers and Schools

FULL COMPLIANCE

	Number of Doses		Number of Doses
DAY CARE / PRE-KINDERGARTEN	DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis) or DTP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis) 4 <i>Fourth dose should be at least 6 months after the 3rd</i>	GRADES 1 - 6	DTaP, DTP, DT (diphtheria-tetanus), or Td (tetanus-diphtheria) 3 <i>Vaccine type as appropriate for age</i>
	OPV (oral poliovirus) or IPV (inactivated poliovirus) 3		OPV or IPV 3
	MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) 1 <i>One dose on or after the 1st birthday</i>		MMR 2 <i>One dose on or after the 1st birthday, plus a 2nd measles-containing vaccine (preferably as MMR) administered 28 days or more after the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age</i>
	Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) 1, 2, or 3 <i>One dose at or after age 15 months If younger than 15 months, 3 doses required, as age appropriate</i>		Hepatitis B 3 <i>Children born on or after January 1, 1993</i>
	Hepatitis B 3		Varicella 1 <i>On or after the 1st birthday for children born on or after January 1, 1998</i>
	Varicella 1 <i>On or after 1st birthday for children born on or after January 1, 2000</i>		
KINDERGARTEN	DTaP or DTP 4 <i>Fourth dose should be at least 6 months after the 3rd</i>	GRADES 7 - 12	DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td 3 <i>Vaccine type as appropriate for age</i>
	OPV or IPV 3		OPV or IPV 3
	MMR 2 <i>One dose on or after the 1st birthday, plus a 2nd measles-containing vaccine (preferably as MMR) administered 28 days or more after the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age</i>		MMR 2 <i>One dose on or after the 1st birthday, plus a 2nd measles-containing vaccine (preferably as MMR) administered 28 days or more after the 1st dose and at or after 15 months</i>
	Hepatitis B 3		Hepatitis B* Full Series <i>Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (all, not just new students) (Any student entering an ungraded class who is or will be 12 years old by December 31, 2004, also must be vaccinated.)</i>
Varicella 1 <i>On or after 1st birthday for children born on or after January 1, 1998</i>			

* 3 doses pediatric vaccine or 2 doses adult vaccine for ages 11-15 only

REFERENCES ONLINE To view references for this publication, visit www.nyc.gov/html/doh/pdf/chi/chi23-2-ref.pdf.

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Immunization Requirements for New Students in New York City: All Day Care Centers and Schools

PROVISIONAL COMPLIANCE

		Number of Doses	
KINDERGARTEN / GRADES 1 - 6	New students may enter school provisionally with documentation of at least this initial series of immunizations within the previous 2 months. Once admitted provisionally, completion must be as follows, or exclusion from school is mandated: (1) no more than 2 months between the 1 st and 2 nd doses, and no more than 6 months between the 2 nd and 3 rd doses of diphtheria, polio, and hepatitis B series; and (2) no more than 2 months between the 1 st and 2 nd doses of a measles-containing vaccine, preferably MMR.	DTaP, DTP, or Td 1 <i>Vaccine type as appropriate for age</i>	
		OPV or IPV 1	
		MMR 1	
		Hepatitis B 1	
		<i>Children born on or after January 1, 1993</i>	
		Varicella 1	
		<i>On or after the 1st birthday for children born on or after January 1, 1998</i>	
	DAY CARE / PRE-KINDERGARTEN	Number of Doses	
		DTaP (diphtheria–tetanus–acellular pertussis) or DTP (diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis)..... 1	DTaP, DTP, or Td 1 <i>Vaccine type as appropriate for age</i>
		OPV (oral poliovirus) or IPV (inactivated poliovirus) 1	OPV or IPV 1
MMR(measles–mumps–rubella) 1		MMR 1	
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b) 1		Hepatitis B 1	
Hepatitis B 1		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (<i>all, not just new, students</i>) (<i>Any student entering an ungraded class who is or will be 12 years old by December 31, 2004, also must be vaccinated.</i>)	
Varicella 1			
<i>On or after the 1st birthday for children born on or after January 1, 2000</i>			

The Hepatitis B Vaccine Requirement	Determine if the Tuberculin Skin Test in Children is Positive The following measurements of induration are classified as positive:
<p>All students entering the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades must have a full series of hepatitis B vaccine to comply with New York State law. Any student entering an ungraded class who is 12 years old (or will be 12 years old by December 31, 2004) also must be vaccinated. Generally, hepatitis B vaccine is given as a 3–dose series. The FDA has approved a 2-dose series for children age 11–15 years only using the adult formulation (1.0 ml) of Merck “Recombivax hepatitis B.” *</p> <p><i>Documentation provided by the physician to the child and the school (e.g., Immunization Card, Lifetime Health Record) must clearly indicate “adult formulation, 1.0 ml, Merck” or “Recombivax hepatitis B, 1.0 ml” to distinguish the approved adult vaccination from the pediatric series.</i></p> <p>About the 3-dose pediatric series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be at least 4 months (112 days) between the 1st and 3rd doses. • The minimum acceptable interval between the 1st and 2nd doses is 28 days. • The minimum acceptable interval between the 2nd and 3rd doses is 56 days. • The final dose in the series must be given no sooner than 24 weeks of age. <p>About the 2-dose adolescent series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum acceptable interval between doses is 4 months (112 days). • Both doses <i>must</i> be given as the Merck adult formulation. (A child who receives 1 adult and 1 pediatric dose would still need a 3rd dose of hepatitis B vaccine). <p>About both series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no need to restart the series when more than the recommended interval between doses has elapsed—simply complete the remaining dose(s). • Children can be successfully immunized even if they have a minor illness, such as an upper respiratory infection. <p>*The use of brand names does not imply endorsement of any product by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.</p>	<p>≥ 5 mm for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with HIV infection • Recent contacts of persons with active TB • Children with evidence of old, healed TB lesions on chest X-rays • Children with organ transplants and other immunosuppressed children <p>≥ 10 mm for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who have immigrated within the past 5 years from areas with high rates of TB ♦ • Children who live or work in institutional settings where exposure to TB may be likely (e.g., hospitals, homeless shelters) • Children with diabetes mellitus or weight loss of ≥ 10% of ideal weight • Children < 5 years of age • Children exposed to adults in high-risk categories <p>≥ 15mm for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at low risk for TB disease for whom testing is not generally indicated <p>♦ Countries such as China, Haiti, Ecuador, India, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, Pakistan, Honduras, and Peru. For a complete list, see: Testing and Treatment for Latent Tuberculosis Infection. <i>City Health Information</i>, 2000;19(3):1-8. http://nyc.gov/html/doh/html/tb/tb.html</p>
For More Information.....Dial 311	Be Sure to Use the Right Form
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 318KA-1 – Day Care Program New Admission Record <i>for children attending day care and pre-kindergarten for the 1st time</i> • Form 318KA – Day Care Program Periodic Exam Follow-Up Record <i>for children continuing to attend day care and pre-kindergarten</i> • Form 2115 – School Health New Admission Examination Form <i>for children entering kindergarten (even if they have attended pre-kindergarten) for new students entering grades 1–12 for students who have been out of New York City for at least 1 year</i>



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