

## **New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements**

2023-24 school year

New Mexico School Nurses are granted Public Health authority by the NM Secretary of Health for collecting and submitting immunization information

Vaccine	Minimum # of vaccine doses by childcare and pre-school age levels									Va	ccin	e do	ses	by s	cho	ol gr	ade	lev	Notes			
				2 by 15 mo.		48-59 mo.	≥ 60 mo.	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9th	10	) <sup>th</sup> 11	1 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	10000
Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td)*	1	2	3	3	3	4	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	(4	5 4) (4	5 4)	5 (4)	One dose required on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, with at least 6 months between the last two doses. Five doses are preferred for optimal protection.
Tetanus/ Diphtheria/ Pertussis (Tdap)									1 1										1	1	1	One dose Tdap required for entry into 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade.
Polio (IPV)* (OPV <sup>‡</sup> )	1	2	2	2	3	4 (3)	4 (3)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4 4	4	4	Students in K-12 <sup>th</sup> grades final dose required on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Three doses sufficient if CDC's catch-up schedule used AND last dose was given on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday with at least 6 months between the last two doses.
Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella (MMR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2 2	2	2	Min. age for valid 1 <sup>st</sup> dose is 12 months. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a min. of 28 days apart. §
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)*	1	2	2	2	3/2/1	3/2/1	3/2/1												·			
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	(2	3 2) (	3 2)	3 (2)	Two doses adult Recombivax HB also valid if administered at age 11-15 and if dose 2 rec'd no sooner than 16 wks. after dose 1.
Pneumococcal (PCV)*	2	3	3	4/3/ 2/1	4/3/2 /1	4/3/2 /1	4/3/2/ 1/0															
Varicella (VAR)		,		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2 2	2	2	Min. age for 1st dose is 12 mos. Dose 2 should ideally be given at age>= 4, see note on page 2. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart.
Hepatitis A (HepA)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2		,			,	,				,		Hep A Vaccine is recommended for catch up in grades 3-12.  Minimum age for valid Hep A is 12 months.
Meningococcal Men ACWY															1	1	1	,	1 :	<b>2</b>		1 dose required for 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> grade entry. 2 doses required for grade 11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose at age 16, at minimum 8 weeks after dose 1), and recommended for grade 12. Detailed vaccine schedule on page 2.

**Recommended vaccines:** These vaccines are recommended but not required for school entry at this time.

**Influenza (flu):** Age-appropriate vaccination is recommended every year.

**HPV:** HPV vaccine is strongly recommended at age 11-12, and can be given as early as age 9

**COVID-19:** Age-appropriate vaccinations for 6 months through 18 years are recommended. Refer to the NM Dept. of Health COVID-19 website for the latest guidance: <a href="https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/">https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/</a>

Recommended # doses for adult students 19+ in secondary school								
Vaccine	# Doses							
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1							
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2							
Varicella (VAR)	2							

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Additional guidance for: Intervals, catch-up schedule, proof of immunity

**Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis:** If child (4 months-6 years) is behind schedule, follow the CDC's catch-up schedule.

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis:** 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders require proof of 1 dose of Tdap regardless of when the last Td-containing vaccine was given. **Catch-up:** Children 7-18 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series should be vaccinated according to the CDC's catch-up schedule, with Tdap as the 1<sup>st</sup> dose followed by Td if needed. A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated after age 7, in which one dose must be Tdap, followed by 2 doses of Td. Children age 7-9 who receive 1 dose Tdap as part of the catch-up series require 1 additional dose at 11-12 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry.

**Polio:** A minimum of 4 weeks between doses required with 6 months between last two doses. **‡OPV:** Only trivalent OPV counts as valid. Monovalent or bivalent OPV are not valid. All OPV doses given after 4/1/16 are assumed to be mono or bivalent.

**MMR:** Required 2<sup>nd</sup> dose should be given on/after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, dose 2 may be given earlier with at least 4 weeks between dose 1 and 2.

**Hib:** If series started <12 months of age, 3 doses required with at least 1 dose on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Two doses required if dose 1 received at 12-14 months. One dose of Hib vaccine administered between age 16-59 months is sufficient. Not recommended ≥60 months of age.

**Hep B:** Dose 2 a minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1; dose 3 at least 16 weeks after dose 1 and at least 8 weeks after dose 2. Infants currently receiving primary series, final dose should be administered no earlier than age 24 weeks.

**PCV:** Administer a series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months with a booster at age 12-15 months. Catch-up: Administer one dose of PCV13 to all healthy children 12-59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children >60 months, no doses required.

**Varicella:** For children ages 12 months to 12 years, the minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months. However, if dose 2 was administered ≥28 days after dose 1, dose 2 is considered valid and need not be repeated. For children ≥13 years, the recommended minimum interval is 4 wks. **Required for proof of varicella immunity:** 

- For K-8<sup>th</sup> graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
- For 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by a physician/health care provider or laboratory titer is required.
- For all newly diagnosed varicella cases: Lab confirmation of disease is required.

**Hep A:** One dose required by 15 months; 2 doses required at 48 mos. with at least 6 months between doses.

**MenACWY:** All adolescents should receive a dose of MenACWY at age 11-12. A 2nd (booster) dose is required for grade 11 (at age 16). Students who are not yet 16 upon entering 11th grade, should wait until age 16 for dose 2. Booster dose given before age 16 is not considered valid. Adolescents who receive the 1<sup>st</sup> dose at age 13-15 should receive a booster dose at age 16. The minimum interval between MenACWY doses is 8 weeks. Adolescents who receive the 1<sup>st</sup> dose after their 16th birthday do not need a booster dose. Doses of MenACWY given to children age 9 or younger do not count for the school requirements and must be repeated at age 11-12 and boosted at age 16.

**4-Day Grace Period:** Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age is valid; Showever, the 4-day "grace period" should not be applied to the 28-day interval between live parenteral vaccines not administered at the same visit (MMR and Varicella).

#### \*Minimum age 6 weeks

#### Notes

- All students enrolled in designated grades are expected to meet requirements.
- Changes from last year's requirements are highlighted for ease of use.

### Resources

CDC Immunization Schedule has detailed footnotes and catch-up schedule <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html</a>

NM Immunization Protocol

https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/

NMSIIS

https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us

NM School Health Manual

https://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/pchb/osah/shm/