ALL STUDENTS ENTERING A NEW YORK CITY (NYC) SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST HAVE A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Office of School Health (OSH) will accept completed CH205 forms based on physical examinations and screenings performed within the previous 18 months. OSH will not accept a CH205 that does not include the results of an in-person physical examination. This will remain in effect until December 31, 2020 and may be re-evaluated as the pandemic evolves.

The comprehensive medical examination must be documented on a Child Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205) and include the following:

- Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Body Mass Index
- Height
- Vision Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Medical History
- Developmental Assessment
- Nutritional Evaluation
- Dental Screening

All students entering NYC public or private schools or child care (including Universal 3-K and Pre-Kindergarten classes) for the first time must submit a report of a physical examination performed within one year of school entry. Because children develop and grow so quickly at these early ages, if this initial examination is performed before the student is age 5 years, a second examination, performed between the child’s fifth and sixth birthday, is also required. Fillable CH-205 forms that include the student’s pre-populated vaccination histories are available in the NYC Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). A savable version of the pre-populated CH205 is also available in the CIR and is accessible for use to update as needed. For school year 2020-2021, the previous version of the CH205 form produced from the Online Registry will continue to be accepted by all NYC Public Schools, Center/School/Home-Based Care and After-School until it is replaced by the new version.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2020–21

The following immunization requirements are mandated by law for all students between the ages of 2 months and 18 years. Children must be excluded from school if they do not meet these requirements. To be considered fully immunized, a child must have an immunization history that includes all of the following vaccines. The child’s immunization record should be evaluated according to the grade they are attending this school year.

PROVISONAL REQUIREMENTS

New students may enter school or child care provisionally with documentation of at least this initial series of immunizations. Once admitted provisionally, subsequent vaccines must be administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) “catch-up” schedule for the child to be considered “in process” and remain in school (refer to https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html). If a child does not receive subsequent doses of vaccine at appropriate intervals and according to the ACIP catch-up schedule, the child is no longer in process and must be excluded from school within 14 days after the minimum interval identified by the ACIP catch-up schedule. Alternative schedules are not acceptable. Students must complete the entire series to comply with the law. Students who have not been immunized within the provisional period must be issued exclusion letters and excluded from school or child care until they comply with the requirements.

### MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE AND NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS

(PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS)

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<tr>
<th>VACCINES</th>
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<tr>
<td>Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)³</td>
<td>One dose DTaP or DTP</td>
<td>Grades K-5: One dose DTaP, DTP, DT; or Td, Tdap (ages 7 years or older) Grades 6-12: one dose of Tdap</td>
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<td>Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)⁴</td>
<td>One dose</td>
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<td>Measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR)⁴</td>
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<td>Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)⁶</td>
<td>One dose</td>
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<td>Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)⁶</td>
<td>Through age 59 months (up until 5th birthday)</td>
<td>One dose</td>
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<td>Influenza⁷</td>
<td>Depending on their influenza vaccine history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine. A second dose in not required for child care/prek attendance.</td>
<td>One dose</td>
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### Required Screening for Child Care Only

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<td>Anemia Screening</td>
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  - All children under age 6 years must be assessed annually for lead exposure.  
  - Blood lead tests are required for children at ages 1 and 2 years AND other children up to age 6 years if they are at risk of exposure OR if no lead test was previously documented.  
  - For more information, call the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 311, or visit https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-guidelines-children.pdf |
2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine

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<td>Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTaP/DTP)*</td>
<td>4 doses</td>
<td>5 doses + 4 doses if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses if the child was 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older</td>
<td>3 doses</td>
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<td>Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine (Td)†</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>1 dose</td>
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<td>Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)**</td>
<td>3 doses</td>
<td>4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older</td>
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<td>Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)**</td>
<td>1 dose</td>
<td>2 doses</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B (HepB)†</td>
<td>3 doses</td>
<td>3 doses or 2 doses of adult HepB vaccine (Recombivax®) received at least four months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years</td>
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<td>1 dose</td>
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<td>Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)**</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose</td>
<td>Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older</td>
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<td>Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)**</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
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For more information contact:
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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Immunization: 347-396-2433; Office of School Health Citywide (all districts): 347-396-4720

1. Documented serologic evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella meets the immunization requirements for these vaccines. Serologic evidence of immunity to polio is acceptable only if results are positive for all three serotypes and testing done prior to September 1, 2019. Diagnosis by a physician, pharmacist assistant or nurse practitioner that a child is hepatitis B immune is not acceptable proof of immunity.  

2. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine

   Minimum age: 6 weeks
   a. Children starting the series on time should receive five doses of DTaP: vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 15 through 18 months, and 4 and 6 years. The fourth dose may not have been given at age 12 months (4 years after the four have elapsed since the third dose). However, when retrospectively identified, the fourth dose need not be administered if it was administered at least 8 weeks after the third dose. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
   b. If the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose is not necessary.
   c. If the fifth dose was received prior to the sixth birthday, a sixth dose, administered at least 6 months after the prior dose, will be required.
   d. For children born before January 1, 2001, immunity only to diphtheria is required; any diphtheria-containing vaccine can meet the requirement (DTaP, DT, Td, and Tdap).
   e. Children ages 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series. If additional doses are needed, either Tdap or Td can be used. If the first dose of DTaP/DTP/DT was received before the first birthday, then four total doses are required to complete the series. The final dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday.

3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine

   Minimum age: 7 years
   a. Students ages 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.
   b. Students entering 7th grade who are age 10 years upon entry to 6th grade are in compliance until they turn age 11.
   c. In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series (see footnote 2e).
   d. In school years 2018-2019, only 2 doses of Tdap (or DTP) given at age 10 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for students in grade 6, however, doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at age 7 years or older will satisfy the requirement for students in grades 7 through 12.
   e. DTaP should NOT be used on after the 7th birthday but if inadvertently received, the Tdap requirement is satisfied by doses of DTaP (see footnote 3c).

4. Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV)

   Minimum age: 6 weeks
   a. Children starting the series on time should receive IPV at ages 2, 4, 6 through 18 months and age 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
   b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 years: if the 4th dose was prior to August 7, 2010, four doses separated by at least four weeks is sufficient; otherwise a 5th dose, administered at least 6 months after the prior dose, is required.
   c. If the third dose was received at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the prior dose, a fourth dose is not necessary.
   d. If both IPV and OPV were administered as part of a series, the total number of doses and intervals between doses is the same as that recommended for IPV schedule. For IPV given after OPV booster doses, the series(s) must have been given before April 1, 2016 and be non-laboratory confirmed.

5. Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine

   Minimum age: 12 months
   a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 4 weeks prior to the first birthday to be considered valid.
   b. If the second dose was administered before grade 7, two doses of measles-containing vaccine, two doses of mumps-containing vaccine and at least one dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
   c. If the second dose was administered at age 4 years or older, immunity to polio is acceptable only if results are positive for all three serotypes and testing done prior to September 1, 2019. Diagnosis by a physician, pharmacist assistant or nurse practitioner that a child is hepatitis B immune is not acceptable proof of immunity.

6. Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine

   Minimum age: 0 months
   a. The first dose of HepB vaccine may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. The second dose must be given at least four weeks after the first dose; the third dose may be given at least eight weeks after the second dose and at least 16 weeks after the first dose. Immunity to hepB vaccine after 6 months of age is considered valid; for children age 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 months.

7. Meningococcal Vaccine (MenACWY)

   Minimum age: 6 weeks
   a. Students entering grades seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven are required to receive a single dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine against serogroups A, C, W-135 and Y (MenACWY vaccine).
   b. Students entering grade 11 need to receive two doses of MenACWY vaccine, or only one dose of MenACWY vaccine if the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older.
   c. If the second dose was administered before age 16 years, then a third dose given on or after age 16 years is required.
   d. The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is eight weeks. In school years 2020-2021, doses of MenACWY administered before age 10 years do not satisfy the requirement for students in grade 7 but do satisfy the requirement for students in grades 8 through 12.

8. Haemophilus Influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)

   Minimum age: 6 weeks
   a. Children starting the series on time and receiving PCP-T Hib vaccine should receive doses at ages 2, 4 months, 6 months, and 12 through 15 months. If the first dose was received at age 2020-2021, only two doses are required before age 12 through 15 months.
   b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required, with the third dose at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
   c. If the first dose was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with second dose at 8 weeks after the first dose.
   d. If the first dose was received at age 15 months or older, no further doses are required.
   e. Hib vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.

9. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)

   Minimum age: 6 weeks
   a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 15 months. If the first dose was received at age 2020-2021, only two doses are required before age 12 through 15 months.
   b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required, with the third dose at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
   c. If the first dose was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with second dose at 8 weeks after the first dose.
   d. If the first dose was received at age 15 months or older, no further doses are required.
   e. PCV vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.
   f. PCV chart available at: https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/pcv.

11. Influenza Vaccine

   Minimum age: 6 months
   a. Children starting the series on time through 59 months of age enrolled in NYC Article 47 & 43 regulated Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, or Pre K programs must receive one dose of influenza vaccine between July 1st and December 31st of each year.
   b. Children enrolling in their prior influenza vaccine history, influenza vaccine voluntaricy history, children may need two doses of influenza vaccine; however, a second dose is not required for school entry. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/indicators/fluactivities.htm or New York City Department of Health (https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health) for more information.

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