

• **Immunization**

**New York State Immunization Requirements  
for School Entrance/Attendance**

<b>Vaccines</b>	<b>Pre-kindergarten (Day Care, Nursery, Head Start, or Pre-K)</b>	<b>School (k-12)</b>
Diphtheria Toxoid-Containing Vaccine	3 doses (new York City Schools – 4 doses)	3 doses (New York City schools – 4 doses required for kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP)	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005
Tetanus, Disphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	Born on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 11 for the 2012-2013 school year 1 dose
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses of measles-containing vaccine 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)	3 doses if less than 15 months of age 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	Born on or after 1/1/2008 4 doses by 15 months of age, given at age appropriate times and intervals	Not applicable
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Born on or after 1/1/2000	Born on or after 1/1/1998 or born on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 13 for the 2012-2013 school year 1 dose

For further information contact: **New York State Department of Health,  
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***Varicella Vaccine***

***Required***

Immunization against varicella (chickenpox) is now required by law. In 1999, Public health Law Section 2164 was amended to require the following children to be immunized against varicella:

- All children born on or after January 1, 1998 and are entering kindergarten in September 2003
- Children born on or after January 1, 2000 and are enrolled in any school

The administration of varicella vaccine is not recommended for children under the age of one.

The Information on varicella vaccine was not required to be entered on immunization survey form until September 2001.