

## Regulation 5320 IMMUNIZATION

### A. Immunizations on admission

1. No principal shall knowingly admit or retain any pupil who has not submitted acceptable evidence of immunization according to the schedule set forth at ¶E, unless the pupil is provisionally admitted as provided at ¶A2 or exempted as provided at ¶B.  
N.J.A.C. 6:29-2.1 and N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 and 8:57-4.4

2. A pupil may be admitted to school on a provisional basis if a physician or health department can document that at least one dose of each of the required vaccine(s) or antigen(s) which are age appropriate have been administered and that the pupil is in the process of receiving the remaining immunizations.

a. Such provisional admission shall be for a reasonable length of time that is consistent with the immunization schedule set forth in ¶E, but all requirements must be completed within one year for pupils five years of age or older and within seventeen months for pupils under the age of five.

b. Provisional status shall be granted only one time to pupils entering or transferring into this district. If a pupil on provisional status transfers from this district, information on his or her status will be sent to the new school.

c. Provisional admission for pupils five years of age or older shall be granted in compliance of all immunization requirements. Pupils shall not be assigned to a Vineland public school until immunizations are current, according to above-state immunization schedules. Pupils seeking entrance into the Kindergarten program must demonstrate having received the basic series of 3 DPT, 2 Polio and 1 MMR immunizations.

d. The principal shall insure that the provisionally admitted pupil is receiving required immunizations on schedule. If the pupil has not completed the immunizations at the end of the provisional period, the principal shall exclude the pupil from school until appropriate documentation of completion has been presented.

e. Pupils on provisional status may be temporarily excluded from school during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health.

### B. Exemptions from immunization

1. A pupil shall not be required to have any specific immunization(s) that are medically contraindicated.

a. A written statement from any physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specified period of time, and the reasons for the medical

contraindication, will exempt a pupil from the specific immunization requirements of law for the period of time specified in the physician's statement.

b. The physician's statement shall be maintained by the school as part of the immunization record of the pupil and shall be reviewed annually.

c. When the pupil's medical condition permits immunization, this exemption shall thereupon terminate, and the pupil will be required to obtain the immunizations from which he or she has been exempted.

2. A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent or legal guardian submits a signed statement that explains how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

a. The written statement signed by the parent or legal guardian will be kept by the school as part of the pupil's immunization record.

b. This exemption may be suspended by the State Commissioner of Health during the existence of an emergency as determined by the State Commissioner of Health.

c. Pupils enrolled in school before September 1991 and granted a religious exemption to immunization before May 1990 shall not be required to reapply for a new religious exemption under N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.4(a).

3. Pupils exempted on medical or religious grounds may be temporarily excluded from school during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health.

#### C. Documentation of immunization

1. Any of the following documents will be accepted as evidence of a pupil's immunization history, provided that the document lists the type of immunization and the date when each immunization was administered.

a. An official school record from any school or preschool indicating compliance with immunization requirements,

b. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with immunization requirements, or

c. A certificate signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating compliance with immunization requirements.

2. All immunization records submitted by a parent or legal guardian in a language other than English shall be accompanied by a translation sufficient to determine compliance with the immunization requirements of this regulation.

D. Immunization records

1. Each school shall maintain an official State of New Jersey Immunization Record for every pupil which shall include the date of each individual immunization.

a. The immunization record shall be kept separate and apart from the pupil's other medical records for the purpose of immunization record audit.

b. If a pupil withdraws, is promoted, or transfers to another school, the record, including statements pertaining to medical or religious exemptions, or certified copies thereof, shall be sent to the new school or be given to the parent or legal guardian on request, within twenty-four hours of the request.

c. Each pupil's immunization record or a copy thereof shall be retained by the high school for a minimum of four years after the pupil has left the school and shall be retained by the elementary school for a minimum of one year after the pupil has left the school.

d. When a pupil graduates from high school, the record or a certified copy thereof shall be sent to an institution of higher education or may be given to the parent or legal guardian on request.

e. Any computer-generated document or list developed to record immunization information will be considered a supplement to, not a replacement of, the official New Jersey Immunization Record.

2. A report of the immunization status of the pupils in each school shall be sent each year to the State Department of Health by the principal or other person in charge of a school. The form for the report will be provided by the State Department of Health. The report shall include all pupils and shall be submitted by December 1 of the respective academic year. A copy of this report shall be sent to the local board of health in whose jurisdiction the school is located.

3. The principal in charge of a school shall make immunization records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Department of Health or the local board of health in whose jurisdiction the school is located, within twenty-four hours of notification.

E. Immunization requirements

1. Every nonexempt pupil born on or after 1 January 1986 shall have received a minimum of four doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine (DTP), or

any vaccine combination containing DTP, such as DTA/Hib, one dose of which shall have been given on or after the fourth birthday.

- a. Pupils enrolled in preschool who are too young to meet this requirement shall be considered to be in compliance if they are appropriately immunized for their age as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Services.
- b. Pediatric diphtheria-tetanus (DT) shall be accepted in lieu of DTP or DTaP for pupils under age seven if a physician's written medical contraindication to further pertussis vaccine has been presented specified at N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3.
- c. Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) for children under age seven shall be accepted in lieu of DTP vaccine for the fourth or fifth dose in the DTP series, if given on or after 15 months of age.
- d. Pupils seven years of age and older who have not completed this requirement shall receive a tetanus and diphtheria toxoid, (adult Td) instead of DTP. Any appropriately spaced combination of three doses of DTP or Td in a pupil over seven shall be acceptable as adequate immunization for this vaccine series.
- e. Those pupils born on or after 1 January 1986 who have received five or more doses of DTP and DTaP shall have satisfied the DTP requirements.

2. Every nonexempt pupil born on or after 1 January 1986 shall have received at least three doses of live, trivalent, oral polio virus vaccine (OPV), or inactivated polio virus vaccine (IPV) if medically appropriate, either separately or in combination, one dose of which shall have been given on or after the pupil's fourth birthday.

- a. Pupils enrolled in preschool who are too young to meet this requirement shall be considered to be in compliance if they are appropriately immunized for their age as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Services.
- b. For pupils seven years of age and older, any appropriately spaced combination of three doses of enhanced IPV and OPV will satisfy the polio virus vaccine requirement.
- c. Any student 18 years of age or older shall not be required to receive polio virus vaccine.

3. Every nonexempt pupil born on or after 1 January 1990 shall have received two doses of measles virus vaccine, live, attenuated, or any vaccine combination containing live measles vaccine, such as the preferred measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine prior to school entrance for the first time into kindergarten, grade 1, or a comparable age entry level special education program. The first dose shall be administered on or after the pupil's first birthday, and the second dose shall have been administered no less than one month after the first dose.

Pupils born before 1 January 1990, shall have received one dose of live measles vaccine or any measles-containing combination vaccine on or after their first birthday.

- a. Pupils who present documented laboratory evidence of measles immunity shall not be required to receive measles vaccine.
  - b. Pupils enrolled in school before 1 September 1991 who have a current immunization record with physician diagnosed and documented measles disease shall not be required to receive measles vaccine.
  - c. Pupils born on or after 1 January 1990, and enrolling in school (Kindergarten or Grade 1) for the first time after 2 September 1995, with no documented doses of measles vaccine, shall receive the second dose of measles or another measles-containing combination vaccine, no sooner than one month and no later than two months after receiving the first dose. This vaccine may be in the form of a second MMR.
4. Every nonexempt pupil shall have received one dose of live rubella virus vaccine or any vaccine combination containing live rubella virus vaccine, administered on or after the pupil's first birthday. Rubella virus vaccine shall not be required of pupils who present documented laboratory evidence of rubella immunity.
5. Every nonexempt pupil shall have received one dose of live mumps virus vaccine, or any vaccine combination containing live mumps vaccine, administered on or after the pupil's first birthday. Pupils enrolled in school before 1 September 1995, and who previously provided written certification from the diagnosing physician that the pupil had mumps disease shall not be required to receive mumps vaccine. Pupils who present documented laboratory evidence of mumps immunity shall not be required to receive mumps vaccine.

F. Emergency Powers

- 1. If a threatened outbreak or outbreak exists at a school, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health, all pupils with provisional, religious, or medical exemptions (which relate to the specific disease threatening or occurring) shall be excluded for a specific period of time or until the outbreak is declared over as determined by the New Jersey Department of Health. If these pupils become immunized or produce serologic evidence of immunity to the specific disease the pupil may immediately be readmitted to school.

Required Immunizations by Age for New Jersey Child Care Centers

By This Age	Child should have received	Intervals between
a total of	Immunizations	

2-3 months	1 dose DTP (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)	
4-5 months	2 doses DTP 2 doses Hib 2 doses OPV	2 months
6-7 months	3 doses DTP 2-3 doses Hib* 2 doses OPV	2 months
8-14 months	3 doses DTP 2-3 doses Hib* 2 doses OPV	
15-17 months	3 doses DTP 1 dose Hib 2 doses OPV 1 dose MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)	9 months
18-19 months	4 doses DTP 1 dose Hib 3 doses OPV 1 dose MMR	3 months
19 months-4 years	4 doses DTP 1 dose Hib 3 doses OPV 1 dose MMR	16-17 months to complete the required series

Haemophiles influenzae b (Hib) vaccine has different schedules depending on the type of vaccine used and when the child started the series.

#### Recommended Vaccines for Children Between 4-6 Years in Child Care Centers and Required Vaccines for Children Entering Schools

By Age 4-6      Required Vaccine      Interval

School Entry Boosters      Child should have received school entry boosters; these consist of 1 dose of DTP and 1 dose of poliovirus vaccine given on or after the fourth birth-day; and 1 dose of

Variable:      Dependent upon when the child will be entering a school setting and the physician's

measles/MMR if not given preference.  
before.

Required Immunizations for New Jersey Child Care Centers and Schools for Children 5-6  
Years of Age Not Previously Immunized

Visit Number	Child should receive at each physician visit	Interval between Immunizations
1	1 DTP (Diphtheria-Tetanus- Pertussis) 1 OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) 1 MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)	Provisional status granted
2	1 dose DTP 1 dose OPV 1 dose MMR/measles*	2 months
3	1 dose DTP	2 months
4	1 dose DTP 1 dose OPV	6-8 months
Totals	4 doses DTP 3 doses OPV 2 doses MMR	10-12 months to complete required vaccine

\*Second dose of a measles-containing vaccine, preferably MMR, required for first time  
Kindergarten or Grade 1 enterers born on or after January 1, 1990.

Required Immunizations for New Jersey Schools for Children Age 7 or Older Not  
Previously Immunized

Visit Number	Child should receive at each physician visit	Interval between Immunizations
1	1 Td (Tetanus-Diphtheria) 1 OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine) 1 MMR (Measles-Mumps- Rubella)	Provisional status granted
2	1 dose Td 1 dose OPV	2 months

3	1 dose Td 1 dose OPV	6-10 months
Totals	3 doses Td 3 doses OPV 1 dose MMR	8-12 months to complete required vaccines

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