

FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS: K-12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



**NJ Department of Health
Vaccine Preventable Disease Program**

New Jersey Minimum Immunization Requirements for Kindergarten-Grade 12 Attendance
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School

- Guide for checking compliance**
 Step 1: Each child attending/enrolling must present documentation of immunizations or valid medical or religious exemption to vaccines. In order to allow a child to enter school, he/she must have at least one dose of each age-appropriate required vaccine.
 Step 2: Determine child's present grade level.
 Step 3: Compare the child's record with the requirements listed on the chart below.

Grade/level child enters school:	Minimum Number of Doses for Each Vaccine						
	DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis	Polio Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)	MMIR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	Meningococcal	Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)
Kindergarten – 1 st grade	A total of 4 doses with one of these doses on or after the 4 th birthday <u>OR</u> any 5 doses*	A total of 3 doses with one of these doses given on or after the 4 th birthday * <u>OR</u> any 4 doses	2 doses†	1 dose	3 doses	None	None
2 nd – 5 th grade	3 doses <i>NOTE: Children 7 years of age and older, who have not been previously vaccinated with the primary DTaP series, should receive 3 doses of Tetanus, diphtheria (Td)</i>	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	None	None
6 th grade and higher	3 doses	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/98‡	3 doses§	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 given no earlier than ten years of age**	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 or after 1/1/97**