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

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



Vaccine	By 4 months	By 6 months	By 12 months	By 15 months	By 4 years	By 4.5 years	By 5 years	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th		
DTaP	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3			Dose 4	Dose 5 (4 doses sufficient if 4 th dose given after 4 th birthday with 6-month gap. 5 doses optimal)															
Tdap																					Dose 1 (Doses before age 10 are invalid , must repeat)	
MMR					Dose 1 (Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat)	> 4 weeks	Dose 2 (Live virus vaccine doses (e.g. MMR, Varicella, Flumist) must be administered the same day with other live virus vaccines OR at least 28 days apart)															
Hib	Dose 1	Dose 2			Dose 3																	
HepB	Dose 1	> 4 weeks	Dose 2	> 8 weeks	Dose 3 (2 doses adult Recombivax HB also valid at age 11-15)																	
PCV	Dose 2	Dose 3		Dose 4																		
VAR					Dose 1 (Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat)	> 3 months	Dose 2 (Live virus vaccine doses (e.g. MMR, Varicella, Flumist) must be administered the same day with other live virus vaccines OR at least 28 days apart)															
HepA					Dose 1 (Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat)	> 6 months	Dose 2															
Polio	Dose 1	> 4 weeks	Dose 2		> 4 weeks	Dose 3	> 6 months	Dose 4 (3 doses suffice if AAP's catch-up schedule used AND last dose was given after 4 th birthday with 6-month gap between dose 2 & 3)														
MenACWY																					Dose 1	D2

Additional Recommended Vaccines

Influenza (flu): Recommended every year for people aged 6 months and above.
HPV: This cancer-preventing vaccine can be given at age 9. **Strongly** recommended for all children by age 11-12.
COVID-19: Recommended 6 months- 18 years. Refer to the NM Dept. of Health [COVID-19 website](#) for latest guidance.
MenB: Recommended for people 16-23 years who are at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease and for healthy people 16+ years using shared clinical decision-making with a medical professional.

Recommended Doses for students aged 19+

Vaccine	Doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)	2

Additional Guidance for: Intervals, Catch-Up Schedule, Proof of Immunity

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td): Children aged 4 months- 6 years who are not fully immunized: follow AAP [catch-up schedule](#).

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap): 7th-12th graders require proof of Tdap.

Catch-up: Children aged 7-18 years who are not fully immunized: follow AAP [catch-up schedule](#) (Tdap as the 1st dose followed by Td if needed).

A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated **after** age 7 (1 dose of Tdap, 2 doses of Td). Children 7-9 years who receive 1st Tdap dose for catch-up series require an additional dose at 11-12 years for 7th grade entry.

Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella (MMR): Required 2nd dose should be given on/after 4th birthday.

Catch-up: >4-week gap between 1st and 2nd dose.

Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib): If 1st dose received <12 months: **3** doses required (at least 1 dose after 1st birthday). If 1st dose received at 12-14 months: **2** doses required. If 1st dose received at 16-59 months: **1** dose required. **Not recommended ≥60 months of age.**

Hepatitis B (Hep B): >4-week interval between 1st and 2nd dose, >8-week interval between 2nd and 3rd dose, >16-week interval between 1st and 3rd dose.

For Infants receiving primary series, the final dose must be administered after 24 weeks and at least 8-week interval from 3rd dose, 16 weeks from 1st dose.

Pneumococcal (PCV): Administer a series of PCV13, PCV15, PCV20 vaccine at 2, 4, and 6 months respectively. Administer booster for children aged 12-15 months.

Catch-up: Children aged 12-59 months who are not fully immunized: Administer one dose of PCV15/PCV20. Children aged 60+ months: No doses required.

Varicella: Children aged 1-12 years: Recommended minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months (however, doses administered after 28 days are considered valid).

Children aged 13+ years: Recommended minimum interval is 4 weeks.

Required proof for varicella immunity:

- K- 11th graders: Receipt of vaccine OR titer/laboratory confirmed diagnosis of prior disease.
- 12th graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by healthcare provider OR laboratory titer
- All newly diagnosed varicella cases: **Lab confirmation of disease is required.**

Hep A: 1st dose required at 15 months; 2nd dose required at 48 months (>6-month interval). Students who have not received Hep A are recommended to follow the AAP [catch-up schedule](#).

Polio (IPV): >4-week interval between doses **AND** >6-month gap between last two doses.

Only IPV is valid for polio vaccination requirement.

MenACWY:

- 1st MenACWY dose: Required at ages 11-12 years.
- Booster dose: **Required** by grade 12. Administer after 16th birthday (**booster dose given prior to age 16 is not valid and will need to be repeated after age 16**).
 - Adolescents who receive 1st dose at ages 13-15 should receive booster at age 16.
 - >8-week gap between 1st and 2nd dose.
 - If 1st dose received after the 16th birthday: no booster required.
 - MenABCWY vaccine can be administered at age 16 and counted as the 2nd MenACWY dose, but **not** as the 11-12-year-old dose.
 - MenACWY doses received at age 9 or younger do **not** count for school requirements. Must be repeated at ages 11-12 and boosted at age 16.

Follow AAP catch-up schedule for children behind on vaccinations: [Catch-up Schedule](#)

Receipt of vaccine OR titer/laboratory confirmed diagnosis of prior disease is acceptable for proof of immunity for school-required vaccines. Email proof to NMSIIS.Access@doh.nm.gov

Note

All students 0-18 years old OR enrolled from daycare to 12th grade must meet requirements.

4- Day Grace Period

Vaccines administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age are **valid**.

However, the **4-day grace period should not be applied to the 28-day interval between live injectable or intranasal vaccines** not administered at the same visit (MMR, Varicella, and FluMist).

Resources

American Academy Pediatrics (AAP) schedule: <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>

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/>

Vaxview NM: <https://vaxview.doh.nm.gov/>