



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

2025-26 school year

Vaccine	Minimum # of vaccine doses by childcare and pre-school age levels							Vaccine doses by school grade level												Notes		
	by 4 mo.	by 6 mo.	by 12 mo.	by 15 mo.	by 47 mo.	by 54 mo.	≥ 60 mo.	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	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td)*	1	2	3	3	3	4	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	One dose required on/after 4 th birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4th birthday, with at least 6 months between the last two doses. Five doses are preferred for optimal protection.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)															1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 dose req'd for gr. 7-12 entry. Tdap should be given at age 11-12 but can be given at 10. Doses before age 10 are not valid for 7th grade entry.
Polio (IPV)* (OPV [±])	1	2	2	2	3	4 (3)	4 (3)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Students in K-12 th grades final dose required on or after 4 th birthday. Three doses suffice if CDC's catch-up schedule used AND last dose was given on/after 4th birthday with at least 6 months between the last two doses.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Min. age for valid 1 st dose is 12 months. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a min. of 28 days apart. [§]
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)*	1	2	2	2	3/2/1	3/2/1	3/2/1															
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1	2	3 see below	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)	Two doses adult Recombivax HB also valid if administered at age 11-15 & if dose 2 rec'd no sooner than 16 wks. after dose 1.
Pneumococcal (PCV)*	2	3	3	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1/0															
Varicella (VAR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Min. age for 1 st dose is 12 mos. Dose 2 should ideally be given at age ≥ 4, see note on page 2. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. [§]
Hepatitis A (HepA)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Hep A vaccine is recommended for catch up in grades 5-12. Minimum age for valid Hep A is 12 months.
Meningococcal Men ACWY															1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1 dose required for 7 th -11 th grade entry. 2 doses required by grade 12 and recommended at age 16. Details on pg. 2.

*Minimum age 6 weeks

Recommended vaccines: These vaccines are recommended but not required for school entry at this time.

Influenza (flu): Age-appropriate vaccination is recommended every year.

HPV: This cancer-preventing vaccine is strongly recommended at age 11-12 and can be given as early as age 9.

COVID-19: Age-appropriate vaccinations for 6 months through 18 years are recommended. Refer to the NM Dept. of Health COVID-19 website for the latest guidance: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/>

Recommended # doses for adult students 19+ in secondary school	
Vaccine	# Doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)	2



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Additional guidance for: Intervals, catch-up schedule, proof of immunity

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Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis: If child (4 months-6 years) is behind schedule, follow the CDC's catch-up schedule.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: 7th-12th graders require proof of 1 dose of Tdap regardless of when the last Td-containing vaccine was given.

Catch-up: Children 7-18 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series should be vaccinated according to the CDC's catch-up schedule, with Tdap as the 1st dose followed by Td if needed. A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated after age 7, in which one dose must be Tdap, followed by 2 doses of Td. Children age 7-9 who receive 1 dose Tdap as part of the catch-up series require 1 additional dose at 11-12 for 7th grade entry.

Polio: A minimum of 4 weeks between doses required with 6 months between last two doses. **OPV: Only trivalent OPV counts as valid. Monovalent or bivalent OPV are not valid.** All OPV doses given after 4/1/16 are assumed to be mono or bivalent.

MMR: Required 2nd dose should be given on/after 4th birthday. However, dose 2 may be given earlier with at least 4 weeks between dose 1 and 2.

Hib: If series started <12 months of age, 3 doses required with at least 1 dose on/after 1st birthday. Two doses required if dose 1 received at 12-14 months. One dose of Hib vaccine administered between age 16-59 months is sufficient. Not recommended ≥60 months of age.

Hep B: Dose 2 a minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1; dose 3 at least 16 weeks after dose 1 and at least 8 weeks after dose 2. **For Infants currently receiving the primary series, the final dose must be administered no earlier than 24 weeks.**

PCV: Administer a series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months with a booster at age 12-15 months. Catch-up: Administer one dose of PCV13 to all healthy children 12-59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children >60 months, no doses required.

Varicella: For children ages 12 months to 12 years, the minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months. However, if dose 2 was administered ≥28 days after dose 1, dose 2 is considered valid and need not be repeated. For children ≥13 years, the recommended minimum interval is 4 wks. **Required for proof of varicella immunity:**

- For K-10th graders: **Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.**
- For 11th-12th graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by a physician/health care provider or laboratory titer is required.
- For all newly diagnosed varicella cases: **Lab confirmation of disease is required.**

Hep A: One dose required by 15 months; 2 doses required at 48 mos. with at least 6 months between doses.

MenACWY:

- **1st dose:** All adolescents should receive a dose at ages 11-12.
- **Booster dose:** At age 16, **required** by grade 12. A booster dose **before age 16 is not considered valid.**
 - Adolescents who receive dose 1 at ages 13-15 should get a booster at 16.
 - Minimum interval between dose 1 and 2 is 8 weeks.
 - If the first dose is received after the 16th b-day, no booster dose is needed.
 - Doses of MenACWY received at age 9 or younger do not count for school requirements and must be repeated at ages 11-12 and boosted at age 16.
 - **The new MenABCWY can be used at age 16 and counted for the 2nd MenACWY dose.**
 - **MenB is NOT required for school. MenB is not interchangeable with MenACWY.**

§4-Day Grace Period: Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age is 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**).

Notes

- All students enrolled in designated grades are expected to meet requirements.
- **Changes from last year's requirements are highlighted for ease of use.**

Resources

CDC Immunization Schedule has detailed footnotes and catch-up schedule
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-catch-up.html>

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/>