

**Revisions 2018-19**

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**Varicella**

K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Proof of Immunity is receipt of vaccine, titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of prior disease.

For all newly diagnosed Varicella cases, laboratory confirmation of disease is required. 2 doses of varicella vaccine required for all students K-11<sup>th</sup>, and recommended for all students in grade 12.

**Polio**

Oral polio given after April 1, 2016 is not valid.

**Tdap**

Tdap given age 7 or older for catch up series can be counted for 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirement or can be repeated.

To: New Mexico Public and Private School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, School Principals, School Nurses, and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

Re: New Mexico 2018-2019 School Entry Immunization Requirements

Each year the Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) meets to discuss New Mexico School Entry Immunization Requirements. Any changes are thoughtfully discussed and voted on by a group of appointed, experienced immunization professionals. These changes are based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) annual recommendations.

The schedule continues to incorporate changes related to the grade phasing-in process for required vaccinations. Changes in immunization requirements for the 2018-2019 school year are otherwise minor and are highlighted in the column to the left.

Please remember there are several statutes and regulations which address the issue of NM students receiving required immunizations before school entry or enrollment.

- NMSA 1978, § 24-5-2 makes it unlawful for any student to enroll in school unless the student is immunized, or otherwise properly exempted.
- NMSA 1978, § 24-5-4, 7.5.2.8 NMAC and 6.12.2.8(F) NMAC authorize and require each school superintendent to prepare a record showing the immunization status of every child enrolled or attending a school under his or her jurisdiction.
- Additionally, 6.12.2.8 NMAC requires that schools start disenrollment proceedings for students who are unable to provide satisfactory evidence of commencement or completion of immunization or an exemption from immunization.
- Section 6.12.2.8 NMAC and NMSA 1978, § 24-5-4 also stipulate that parents or guardians who neglect or refuse to permit their child to be immunized against diseases as required by law shall be reported by the school superintendent to the director of the public health division.

Acceptable forms of proof of immunization status includes a NMSIIS printout, printout from provider's Electronic Medical Record or immunization record card.

Thank you for keeping New Mexican children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



Lynn Gallagher  
Cabinet Secretary

*Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [42 USC § 11432(g)(3)(C)], children experiencing homelessness must be able to enroll in school immediately, even if they are unable to produce immunization records. If the child needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization records, the enrolling school must immediately refer the parent or guardian to the designated local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison for assistance.*

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# New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements: 2018-19 School Year

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

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.	16-47 Mo.	48-59 Mo.	≥ 60 Mo.	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>		12 <sup>th</sup>	
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 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, but five doses are preferred for optimal protection.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)																1	1	1	1	1	1	One dose Tdap required for entry into 7 <sup>th</sup> grade. Meningococcal (ACWY) and HPV vaccinations are also recommended at the same time.
Polio (IPV)* (OPV <sup>†</sup> )	1	2	2	2	3	4 (3)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Three doses sufficient if last dose was given on/after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Students in K-8 <sup>th</sup> grades final dose required on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Minimum age for valid first dose is 12 months. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum 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	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Two doses adult Recombivax HB is also valid if administered at ages 11-15 years and if dose 2 received no sooner than 16 weeks 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	1	Minimum age for first dose is 12 months; two doses recommended for 12 <sup>th</sup> graders. Dose 2 should ideally be given after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, see note below. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. For K-3 <sup>rd</sup> graders, receipt of vaccine, titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
Hepatitis A (HepA)				1	1	1	1															

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

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: Students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades require proof of one dose of Tdap received 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 first dose followed by Td if needed. A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated after 7 yrs. of age in which one dose must be Tdap, followed by two doses of Td. Tdap given ≥7 years can be counted for 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirement or may be repeated.

Polio: A minimum of 4 weeks between doses required with 6 months between last two doses. <sup>†</sup>OPV (oral polio) given after April 1, 2016 not valid.

MMR: Required 2<sup>nd</sup> dose should be given on/after 4<sup>th</sup> 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, three doses required with at least one dose on/after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Two doses required if dose 1 received at 12-14 months. One dose of Hib vaccine administered between 16 and 59 months of age 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. Infants currently receiving primary series, final dose should be administered no earlier than age 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 aged 12-59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children >60 months, no doses required.

Varicella: For children aged 12 months-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 through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
- For 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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: Laboratory confirmation of disease is required.

Hep A: One dose required by 15 months; two doses recommended with at least 6 months between doses. Hepatitis A vaccine is only required for childcare and pre-school age children, but is recommended for all ages.

Recommended schedule for adult students 19+ years of age in secondary school	
Vaccine	Recommended doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)**	2

  

Resources
NM Immunization Protocol: <a href="https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/">https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/</a>
NMSIIS: <a href="https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us">https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us</a>
NM School Health Manual: <a href="http://www.nmschoolhealthmanual.org">http://www.nmschoolhealthmanual.org</a>
For more information call your Regional DOH Immunization contact

\*Minimum age 6 weeks. Note: Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age is valid. All students enrolled in designated grades are expected to meet requirements.  
 \*\*In the event of an outbreak two doses may be required for all students; students who have had only one dose of varicella vaccine may be excluded from school. Amended 6/28/2018