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To: All New Mexico Schools, School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, School Principals, and School Nurses

Recently, the "New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements “2018 - 2019 School Year” document was released. As most of you are aware, New Mexico schools are required by state law and regulations to:

1. Maintain records of immunizations for students;
2. Make those records available to the Department of Health (DOH);
3. Report on immunization noncompliance to DOH; and
4. Commence disenrollment proceedings for students who are unable to provide either valid satisfactory evidence of immunizations or a valid exemption.

To help achieve those goals, the New Department of Health grants the Public Education Department (PED) School Health Offices the authority to serve as "public health authority." This means that PED has the limited authority to collect immunization information for school-aged children.

Resources for school health personnel to obtain immunization information include:

1. The New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System (NMSIIS), the registry for immunization information, which grants school nurses access to immunization records;
2. Health care providers who give immunizations to children;
3. Immunization records supplied by parents; and
4. Immunization records from other schools.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping New Mexico’s school children protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

Lynn Gallagher
Cabinet Secretary
New Mexico Department of Health
## 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 Doses by School Grade Level

**Recommended schedule for adult students 19+ years of age in secondary school**

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**Resources**

- NMISIS: https://nmsis.health.state.nm.us
- For more information call your Regional DOH Immunization contact

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### Vaccine Requirements by Age Level

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<td>Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td)*</td>
<td>1 2 3 3 3 4 4 5 (4)</td>
<td>K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th</td>
<td>One dose required on/after 4th birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4th birthday, but five doses are preferred for optimal protection.</td>
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<td>Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)</td>
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<td>One dose Tdap required for entry into 7th grade. Meningococcal (ACYW) and HPV vaccinations are also recommended at the same time.</td>
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<td>Polio (IPV)* (OPV)*</td>
<td>1 2 2 2 3 4 (3)</td>
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<td>Three doses sufficient if last dose was given on/after 4th birthday. Students in K-8th grades final dose required on or after 4th birthday.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)</td>
<td>1 1 2 2</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)*</td>
<td>1 2 2 2 3/2/1 3/2/1 3/2/1</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Pneumococcal (PCV)*</td>
<td>2 3 3 4/3/2/1 4/3/2/1 4/3/2/1 4/3/2/1 4/3/2/1 4/3/2/1</td>
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<td>Minimum age for first dose is 12 months; two doses recommended for 12th graders. Dose 2 should ideally be given after 4th 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-3rd graders, receipt of vaccine, titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.</td>
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<td>Hepatitis A (HepA)</td>
<td>1 1 1 1</td>
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<td>For K through 3rd graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.</td>
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**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 of age are recommended ≥60 months of age.

**Hepatitis A:**

- One dose required on/after 15 months; two doses, recommended with at least 6 months between doses. Hepatitis A vaccine is only required for childcare and preschool-age children, but is recommended for all ages.

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**Notes:**

- **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.**

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*OPV (oral polio) given after April 1, 2016 not valid.*