Revisions 2018-19

Varicella
K-3rd 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-11th, 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 7th grade requirement or can be repeated.

March 2018

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 Assistant Act (42 USCS § 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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**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.**

**Note:** Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or may be repeated.

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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.**

**NM Immunization Protocol:**
https://nmsohp.org/publication/view/regulation/931/

**NMSIIS:**
https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us

**NM School Health Manual:**
http://www.nmschoolhealthmanual.org

*For more information call your Regional DOH Immunization contact.*

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#### Vaccine

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<td>1 2 3 3 4 4 (4) 5</td>
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<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>One dose Tdap required for entry into 7th grade. Meningococcal (ACWY) and HPV vaccinations are also recommended at the same time.</td>
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<td><strong>Polio</strong> (IPV)* (OPV†)</td>
<td>1 2 2 2 3 4 (3) 4</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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<td><strong>Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)</strong></td>
<td>1 2 2 2 3/2/1</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><strong>Hepatitis B</strong> (HepB)</td>
<td>1 2 3 3 3 3</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><strong>Pneumococcal</strong> (PCV)*</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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**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 between doses. Hep A vaccine is only required for childcare and pre-school age children; but is recommended for all ages.

**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 3rd graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
- For 4th through 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: 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 preschool age children, but is recommended for all ages.

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

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