

Hepatitis B, Varicella, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines Requirements and Minimum Intervals

Hepatitis B Vaccine

All students/children entering/attending school (grades Pre-K through 12) must have proof of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

Vaccine brands are interchangeable for 3 dose schedules.

Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) meets New York State (NYS) immunization requirements for school entry/attendance for adolescents vaccinated between the ages of 11 through 15 years only.

A positive hepatitis B serology is an acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B and meets NYS immunization requirements for school entry/attendance.

Varicella Vaccine (Varicella is commonly known as chickenpox)

1 dose of varicella vaccine is required for school entry and attendance for students/children who are

- enrolling in Pre-K;
- born on or after 1/1/98 for grades K through 12;
- born on or after 1/1/94 **and** enrolling in grades 6 through 12 (entering, transferring into or repeating grades 6 through 12);
- born on or after 1/1/94, enrolling in gradeless classes, **and** who are age equivalent of grades 6 through 12.

A dose of live virus varicella vaccine may be administered no more than 4 days prior to a child's first birthday to be considered a valid dose of vaccine for NYS school requirements.

Diagnosis of varicella disease by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner is acceptable proof of immunity for school entry/attendance.

A positive serology of varicella is also acceptable proof of immunity for school entry/attendance.

Polio Vaccine

3 doses of polio vaccine are required for school entry and attendance in NYS. IPV, OPV or any combination of IPV and OPV (for example: 1 dose of OPV and 2 doses of IPV) meet the NYS Immunization requirements for school entry/attendance.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine

A dose of live virus measles, mumps and rubella vaccine may be administered no more than 4 days prior to a child's first birthday to be considered a valid dose of vaccine for NYS school requirements.

A diagnosis of measles or mumps (**not rubella**) by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner is acceptable proof of immunity for school entry/attendance.

A positive serology of measles, mumps, or rubella is acceptable proof of immunity for school entry/attendance.

Minimum Intervals

There is no immunologic response difference between one month, four (4) weeks, and 28 days. Therefore, a minimum of 28 days between any two doses of vaccine is acceptable. Revaccination of a child should occur only in the case of the minimum interval being less than 28 days.