PARENTS: NYS School Vaccination Requirements Have Changed

Nonmedical exemptions to school vaccination requirements have ended for children attending day care and pre-K through 12th grade in New York State. This includes all public, private, and religious schools. Religious exemptions are no longer allowed.

Children with nonmedical exemptions must now be vaccinated to attend or remain in school.

Students who already have all required school vaccinations, and students with a valid medical exemption from a physician, are not affected by this change.

IMPORTANT VACCINATION DEADLINES:

- **Within 14 days of the first day of school or day care** – children must receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series to attend or remain in school or day care.

- **Within 30 days after the first day of school or day care** – parents or guardians must show that they have appointments for the next required follow-up doses for their child. Deadlines for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine.

What vaccines does my child need?
Talk to your health care provider. Requirements will differ based on your child’s age and any previous vaccinations.

Is it safe for my child to have more than one shot at a time?
Scientific data show that getting multiple vaccines at the same time is safe. It also means fewer doctor’s office visits which can be less stressful for your child. Visit [health.ny.gov/vaccinesafety](http://health.ny.gov/vaccinesafety) to learn more.

Tips to help your child relax at their next shot visit:
- [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/less-stressful.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/less-stressful.html)
- [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/tips-factsheet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/tips-factsheet.pdf)