

# NYSSHSC Summary of Key Facts Regarding the Revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Immunization Requirements for the 2015-2016 School Year

## General Information

- The new immunization Requirements for School Entrance go into effect September **1, 2015**.  
**Note:** July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the school year, but these requirements will take effect 9/1/2015.
- 2015-2016 Requirements are located on the A-Z Index, under “I” for Immunizations. [Click here.](#)
- District administrators were notified of these Immunization Regulations Revisions on 6/19/2015.
- Private providers will be informed of the changes by the NYSDOH.
- NYSDOH continues to follow the ACIP (Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices). ACIP (part of the CDC) is composed of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the US.
- Intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP recommended immunization schedule for students in pre-k through grade 7. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for grades 8 through 12.
- Students in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year will be deemed in compliance through graduation if they met the immunization requirements of regulations in effect prior to **June 30, 2014**.  
[The 2013-2014 Requirement Chart](#) is on the “I” page of the A-Z Index for your use
- The New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) and Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) and some electronic health records automatically compare entered vaccines against what has been programmed as required for a given age, grade, timing of administration or number of vaccines in a series. We recommend you contact your health office software vendor to inform them of these changes effective as of July 1, 2015, to make sure that your software is updated to meet the NYS Requirements.
- Records acceptable without a signature now include: NYSIIS or CIR record, Official registry record from another state, electronic health record, official record from a foreign nation, official school health record (paper or electronic) transferred directly from another school which includes the name of immunization, date given and name of the health practitioner who administered the immunizing agents as required in Immunization Law 66.1.6
- Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually, identify the immunization exempted, the medical contraindication for the exemption, and the length of time immunization is contraindicated. Two sample medical exemption forms are available on the Immunization page of our website [here](#)

## Vaccine Specific Info:

### **Varicella**

- Students in grades K, 1, 6 and 7 must have 2 varicella vaccines

### **Polio**

- Intervals between doses of polio vaccine only need to be reviewed for grades k, 1, 6 and 7.
- Students in grades K and 1 must have a dose of both Polio and DTaP at 4 years of age or older. They may no longer wait until the end of the age range (4-6 years) to get the booster dose of Polio and DTaP.
- Serologic Evidence Is now acceptable for Polio (must include all three serotypes), as well as MMR, Hep B and Varicella.

### **MMR**

- Students must have 2 doses of MMR (*2Measles/2Mumps/1Rubella*) to enter kindergarten and for all grades K through 12. They may no longer wait until the age of 7.

# NYSDOH Vaccine and Dose Information for the 2015-2016 School Year

Pre-Kindergarten Age Students		
There are NO proposed changes for Prekindergarten for the 2015-2016 School Year		
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2015	How has this changed from 2014
DTP DTaP	5 doses or 4 with the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose at 4 years of age or older or 3 if starting the series at 7 years of age or older	Previously needed 4-5 doses
Polio	4 doses or 3 with the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose at 4 years of age or older	Previously 3-5 doses needed only for K. Now includes grade 1
MMR <i>2Measles/2Mumps/1Rubella</i>	2 doses	Previously could wait until age 7 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> MMR
Hep B	3 doses	Intervals between doses must be assessed
Varicella	2 doses	Previously needed 1 dose in grade 1
Grade 2-5 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2015	How has this changed from 2014
DTP DTaP	5 doses or 4 with the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose at 4 years of age or older or 3 if starting the series at 7 years of age or older	Previously needed 4-5 doses
Polio	3 doses	3 doses – <i>no change</i>
MMR <i>2 Measles/2 Mumps/1 Rubella</i>	2 doses	2 doses – <i>no change</i>
Hep B	3 doses	Intervals between doses must be assessed
Varicella	1 dose	1 dose – <i>no change</i>
Grade 6 and 7 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2015	How has this changed from 2014
DTP/DTaP	3 doses	3 doses – <i>no change</i>
Tdap	1 dose	1 dose - <i>no change</i>
Polio	4 doses 3 with 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose at 4 years of age or older	3-5 doses for 6 <sup>th</sup> grade 7 <sup>th</sup> grade added
MMR	2 doses	2 doses - <i>no change</i>
Hep B	3 doses	3 doses - <i>no change</i>
Varicella	2 doses	7 <sup>th</sup> grade added
Grade 8-12 Students		
Vaccine	What is needed for 2015	How has this changed from 2014
DTP/DTaP	3 doses	Students in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year deemed in compliance through graduation if they met the immunization requirements in effect prior to June 30, 2014. Intervals do not need to be assessed
Tdap	1 dose	
Polio	3 doses	
MMR <i>2 Measles/1 Mumps/1 Rubella</i>	2 doses	
Hep B	3 doses	
Varicella	1 dose	