



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



PRESCHOOL

- Hep B: 3 doses, last one on or after 24 weeks of age
- DTaP: 4 doses (by 18 months for programs with children 18 months of age)
- Polio: 3 doses (by 18 months for programs with children 18 months of age)
- MMR: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday
- Varicella: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday or verification of disease
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Hib: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday
- Pneumococcal: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday
- Influenza: 1 dose administered each year between August 1st-December 31st (2 doses separated by at least 28 days required for those receiving flu for the first time)

KINDERGARTEN

- Hep B: 3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
- DTaP: At least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
- Polio: At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
- MMR: 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Varicella: 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1st dose on or after 1st birthday; or verification of disease. 28 days between doses is acceptable if the doses have already been administered.
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Hib: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday for children less than 5 years old
- Pneumococcal: 1 dose on or after 1st birthday for children less than 5 years old

GRADES 1-6

- Hep B: 3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
- DTaP/Td: At least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need a total of 3 doses.
- Polio: At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
- MMR: 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Varicella: 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1st dose on or after 1st birthday; or verification of disease. 28 days between doses is acceptable if the doses have already been administered.
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday

GRADE 7-8

- Hep B: 3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
- Tdap/Td: 1 dose for students who have completed their primary DTaP series. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need 3 doses of tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine, one of which must be Tdap
- Polio: At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
- MMR: 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Varicella: 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1st dose on or after 1st birthday; or verification of disease. 28 days between doses is acceptable if the doses have already been administered.
- Hepatitis A: 2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
- Meningococcal: 1 dose

GRADES 9-12

Hep B: 3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
 Tdap/Td: 1 dose for students who have completed their primary DTaP series. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need 3 doses of tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine, one of which must be Tdap

Polio: At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
 MMR: 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
 Varicella: 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1st dose on or after 1st birthday; or verification of disease. 28 days between doses is acceptable if the doses have already been administered.

Meningococcal: 1 dose

- DTaP vaccine is not administered on or after the 7th birthday.
- Tdap can be given in lieu of Td vaccine for children 7 years and older unless contraindicated.
- Hib is required for all Pre-K and K students less than 5 years of age.
- Pneumococcal Conjugate is required for all Pre-K and K students less than 5 years of age.
- Hep A requirement for school year 2021-2022 applies to all Pre-K through 9th graders born 1/1/07 or later.
- Hep B requirement applies to all students in grades K-12.
 Spacing intervals for a valid Hep B series: at least 4 weeks between doses 1 and 2; 8 weeks between doses 2 and 3; at least 16 weeks between doses 1 and 3; dose 3 must be administered at 24 weeks of age or later.
- Second MMR applies to all students in grades K-12.
- Meningococcal Conjugate requirement applies to all students in grades 7-12
- Tdap requirement applies to all students in grades 7-12
- If two live virus vaccines (MMR, Varicella, MMRV, Intra-nasal Influenza) are not administered on the same day, they must be separated by at least 28 days (there is no 4 day grace period for live virus vaccines). If they are not separated by at least 28 days, the vaccine administered second must be repeated.
- Lab confirmation of immunity is **only** acceptable for Hep A, Hep B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella.
- **VERIFICATION OF VARICELLA DISEASE:** Confirmation in writing by a MD, PA, or APRN that the child has a previous history of disease, based on family or medical history.

For the full legal requirements for school entry visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/Immunization--Laws-and-Regulations>

If you are unsure if a child is in compliance, please call the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.

New Entrant Definition:

*New entrants are any students who are new to the school district, including all preschoolers and all students coming in from Connecticut private, parochial and charter schools located in the same or another community. **All pre-schoolers, as well as all students entering kindergarten**, including those repeating kindergarten, and those moving from any public or private pre-school program, even in the same school district, **are considered new entrants**. The one exception is students returning from private approved special education placements—they are not considered new entrants.

Commonly Administered Vaccines:

<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Brand Name:</u>	<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Brand Name:</u>
DTaP-IPV-Hib	Pentacel	MMRV	ProQuad
DTaP-HIB	TriHibit	PCV7	Pevnar
HIB-Hep B	Comvax	PCV13	Pevnar 13
DTaP-IPV-Hep B	Pediarix	DTaP-IPV	Kinrix, Quadracel
Hepatitis A	Havrix, Vaqta	Influenza	Fluzone, FluMist, Fluviron, Fluairix, FluLaval Flucelvax, Afluria