

New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry

Immunization Requirements

Vaccine	By 4 months	By 6 months	By 12 months	By 15 months	By 4 years	By 4.5 years	By 5 years	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
DTaP	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3			Dose 4	Dose 5 (4 doses sufficient if 4 th dose given after 4 th birthday with 6-month gap. 5 doses optimal)													
Tdap																				Dose 1 (Doses before age 10 are invalid , must repeat)
MMR				Dose 1	(Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat) > 4 weeks		Dose 2	(Live virus vaccine doses (e.g. MMR, Varicella, Flumist) must be administered the same day with other live virus vaccines OR at least 28 days apart)												
Hib	Dose 1	Dose 2		Dose 3																
HepB	Dose 1	> 4 weeks	Dose 2	> 8 weeks																Dose 3 2 doses adult Recombivax HB also valid at age 11-15
PCV	Dose 2	Dose 3		Dose 4																
VAR				Dose 1	(Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat) > 3 months		Dose 2	(Live virus vaccine doses (e.g. MMR, Varicella, Flumist) must be administered the same day with other live virus vaccines OR at least 28 days apart)												
HepA				Dose 1	(Doses <12 mos. invalid: repeat) > 6 months		Dose 2													
Polio	Dose 1	> 4 weeks	Dose 2		> 4 weeks	Dose 3	> 6 months	Dose 4	(3 doses suffice if AAP's catch-up schedule used AND last dose was given after 4 th birthday with 6-month gap between dose 2 & 3)											
MenACWY																			Dose 1	D2

Additional Recommended Vaccines

Influenza (flu): Recommended every year for people aged 6 months and above.

HPV: This cancer-preventing vaccine can be given at age 9. **Strongly** recommended for all children by age 11-12.

COVID-19: Recommended 6 months- 18 years. Refer to the NM Dept. of Health [COVID-19 website](#) for latest guidance.

MenB: Recommended for people 16-23 years who are at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease and for healthy people 16+ years using shared clinical decision-making with a medical professional.

Recommended Doses for students aged 19+

Vaccine	Doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)	2

Additional Guidance for: Intervals, Catch-Up Schedule, Proof of Immunity

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td): Children aged 4 months- 6 years who are not fully immunized: follow AAP [catch-up schedule](#).

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap): 7th-12th graders require proof of Tdap.

Catch-up: Children aged 7-18 years who are not fully immunized: follow AAP [catch-up schedule](#) (Tdap as the 1st dose followed by Td if needed).

A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated **after** age 7 (1 dose of Tdap, 2 doses of Td). Children 7-9 years who receive 1st Tdap dose for catch-up series require an additional dose at 11-12 years for 7th grade entry.

Measles/ Mumps/ Rubella (MMR): Required 2nd dose should be given on/after 4th birthday.

Catch-up: >4-week gap between 1st and 2nd dose.

Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib): If 1st dose received <12 months: **3** doses required (at least 1 dose after 1st birthday). If 1st dose received at 12-14 months: **2** doses required. If 1st dose received at 16-59 months: **1** dose required. **Not recommended ≥60 months of age.**

Hepatitis B (Hep B): >4-week interval between 1st and 2nd dose, >8-week interval between 2nd and 3rd dose, >16-week interval between 1st and 3rd dose.

For Infants receiving primary series, the final dose must be administered **after 24 weeks and at least 8-week interval from 3rd dose, 16 weeks from 1st dose.**

Pneumococcal (PCV): Administer a series of PCV13, PCV15, PCV20 vaccine at 2, 4, and 6 months respectively. Administer booster for children aged 12-15 months.

Catch-up: Children aged 12-59 months who are not fully immunized: Administer one dose of PCV15/PCV20. Children aged 60+ months: No doses required.

Varicella: Children aged 1-12 years: Recommended minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months (however, doses administered after 28 days are considered valid).

Children aged 13+ years: Recommended minimum interval is 4 weeks.

Required proof for varicella immunity:

- K- 11th graders: Receipt of vaccine OR titer/laboratory confirmed diagnosis of prior disease.
- 12th graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by healthcare provider OR laboratory titer
- All newly diagnosed varicella cases: **Lab confirmation of disease is required.**

Hep A: 1st dose required at 15 months; 2nd dose required at 48 months (>6-month interval). Students who have not received Hep A are recommended to follow the AAP [catch-up schedule](#).

Polio (IPV): >4-week interval between doses **AND** >6-month gap between last two doses.

OPV: Only trivalent OPV (tOPV) is valid. Monovalent (mOPV) and bivalent (bOPV) OPV are not valid.

OPV doses administered on or after April 1, 2016, are presumed to be mOPV or bOPV and are not valid.

MenACWY:

- 1st MenACWY dose: Required at ages 11-12 years.
- Booster dose: Required by grade 12. Administer after 16th birthday (**booster dose given prior to age 16 is not valid and will need to be repeated after age 16**).
 - Adolescents who receive 1st dose at ages 13-15 should receive booster at age 16.
 - >8-week gap between 1st and 2nd dose.
 - If 1st dose received after the 16th birthday: no booster required.
 - MenABCWY vaccine can be administered at age 16 and counted as the 2nd MenACWY dose. **MenABCYW administered at age 11-12 years will be accepted as meeting school entry requirements but is not routinely recommended as the first dose in the series.**
 - MenACWY doses received at age 9 or younger do **not** count for school requirements. Must be repeated at ages 11-12 and boosted at age 16.

Follow AAP catch-up schedule for children behind on vaccinations: [Catch-up Schedule](#)

Receipt of vaccine OR titer/laboratory confirmed diagnosis of prior disease is acceptable for proof of immunity for school-required vaccines. Email proof to NMSIIS.Access@doh.nm.gov

Note

All students 0-18 years old OR enrolled from daycare to 12th grade must meet requirements.

4- Day Grace Period

Vaccines administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age are **valid**.

However, the **4-day grace period should not be applied to the 28-day interval between live injectable or intranasal vaccines** not administered at the same visit (MMR, Varicella, and FluMist).

Resources

American Academy Pediatrics (AAP) schedule: <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>

NM Immunization Protocol: <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/>

NMSIIS: <https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us>

NM School Health Manual: <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/pchb/osah/shm/>

Vaxview NM: <https://vaxview.doh.nm.gov/>