



**NJ Department of Health (NJDOH)  
Vaccine Preventable Disease Program**

**Summary of NJ School Immunization Requirements**

Listed in the chart below are the minimum required number of doses your child must have to attend a NJ school.\* This is strictly a summary document. Exceptions to these requirements (i.e. provisional admission, grace periods, and exemptions) are specified in the Immunization of Pupils in School rules, New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). Please reference the administrative rules for more details [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/imm\\_requirements/acode/](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements/acode/). Additional vaccines are recommended by Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for optimal protection. For the complete ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

Grade/level child enters school:	Minimum Number of Doses for Each Vaccine						
	DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis	Polio Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	Meningococcal	Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)
Kindergarten – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	A total of 4 doses with one of these doses on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday <u>OR</u> any 5 doses <sup>†</sup>	A total of 3 doses with one of these doses given on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday <u>OR</u> any 4 doses <sup>‡</sup>	2 doses <sup>§</sup>	1 dose <sup>¶</sup>	3 doses	None	None
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	3 doses <i>NOTE: Children 7 years of age and older, who have not been previously vaccinated with the primary DTaP series, should receive 3 doses of Td. For use of Tdap, see footnote. <sup>†</sup></i>	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	None	See footnote <sup>†</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> grade and higher	3 doses	3 doses	2 doses	1 dose	3 doses	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 given no earlier than ten years of age <sup>¶</sup>	1 dose required for children born on or after 1/1/97 <sup>¶</sup>