

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



#### PRESCHOOL

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| Hepatitis 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 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday  |
| Varicella:    | 1 dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday or verification of disease   |
| Hepatitis A:  | 2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Hib:          | 1 dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday  |
| Pneumococcal: | 1 dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday  |
| Influenza:    | 1 dose administered each year between August 1 <sup>st</sup> -December 31 <sup>st</sup><br>(2 doses separated by at least 28 days required for those receiving flu for the first time) |

#### KINDERGARTEN

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| Hepatitis 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 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| Polio:        | At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| MMR:          | 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Varicella:    | 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Hib:          | 1 dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday for children less than 5 years old   |
| Pneumococcal: | 1 dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday for children less than 5 years old   |

#### GRADES 1-6

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| Hepatitis 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| MMR:         | 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Varicella:   | 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |

#### GRADE 7-12

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| Hepatitis 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 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday   |
| MMR:           | 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Varicella:     | 2 doses separated by at least 3 months-1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday   |
| Meningococcal: | 1 dose   |

- DTaP vaccine is not administered on or after the 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Tdap can be given in lieu of Td vaccine for children 7 years and older unless contraindicated.
- Hib is NOT required once a student turns 5 years of age.
- Pneumococcal conjugate is NOT required once a student turns 5 years of age.
- Influenza is NOT required once a student turns 5 years of age.
- HepA requirement for school year 2024–2025 applies to all Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> graders born 1/1/07 or later.
- HepB requirement for school year 2024–2025 applies to all students in grades K–12.  
Spacing intervals for a valid HepB 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 for school year 2024–2025 applies to all students in grades K–12.
- Meningococcal conjugate requirement for school year 2024–25 applies to all students in grades 7–12.
- Tdap requirement for school year 2024–2025 applies to all students in grades 7–12.
- If two live virus vaccines (MMR, varicella, MMRV, intranasal 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 HepA, HepB, 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: [Laws and Regulations \(ct.gov\)](#)

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 preschoolers, 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.

Vaccines supplied by the State of Connecticut are listed [here](#), along with brand names.