IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS ‡



Preschool		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	last dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age
DTaP	4 doses	by 18 months for programs that begin at 18 months
Polio	3 doses	by 18 months for programs that begin at 18 months
MMR	1 dose	must be on or after the 1st birthday
Varicella	1 dose	must be on or after the 1st birthday
Hepatitis A	2 doses	must be separated by 6 calendar months with 1st dose on or after the first birthday
HiB	1 dose	may have more but at least one must be on or after the 1st birthday[1]
Pneumococcal	1 dose	may have more but at least one must be on or after the 1st birthday[1]
Influenza	1 or 2 doses	1 dose administered yearly between August 1st and December 31st; 2 doses 28 days apart for those receiving flu for the first time.[1]
Kindergarten		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	last dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age
DTaP	4 doses	last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday
Polio	3 doses	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[2,3]
Hepatitis A	2 doses	must be separated by 6 calendar months with 1st dose on or after the first birthday
HiB	1 dose	may have more but at least one must be on or after the 1st birthday[1]
Pneumococcal	1 dose	may have more but at least one must be on or after the 1st birthday[1]
Grades 1-6		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	last dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age
DTaP/Td	4 doses	last dose must be given on or after 4th birthday; students who start the series at 7 or older only need 3 doses.[4]
Polio	3 doses	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[2,3]
Hepatitis A	2 doses	must be separated by 6 calendar months with 1st dose on or after the first birthday
Grade 7-12		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	last dose must be on or after 24 weeks of age
Tdap/Td	1 dose	for students who have completed their primary DTaP series (see DTaP/Td requirements in Grade 1-6 section). Students who start the series at 7 or older only need 3 doses of tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine, one of which must be Tdap
Polio	3 doses	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[2,3]
Hepatitis A	2 doses	must be separated by 6 calendar months with 1st dose on or after the first birthday[5]
Meningococcal	1 dose	students should receive conjugate vaccine

Footnotes:

‡. This document reflects current Connecticut school immunization requirements and will be revised only if state requirements change.
1. Not required for students age 5 and older.
2. A minimum interval of 28 days can be applied if the vaccine has already been administered.
3. Verification of varicella disease: must be confirmed in writing by a MD, PA, or APRN.
4. DTaP is not administered to children age 7 or older; Tdap may be administered to children 7 and older unless contraindicated.
5. Hepatitis A requirement indicated for students born 1/1/07 or later.

Additional Series Information:

- All documented doses should meet the age and interval criteria recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).
    - AAP: https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf
    - AAFP: https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/birth-through-age-18-immunization-schedule.html
- Laboratory confirmation of immunity (a positive titer) is only acceptable for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella.
- Two live vaccines that are not administered the same day must be separated by a minimum of 28 days. If they are not separated by at least 28 days, the second dose is not valid.
- New entrants are any students who are new to the school district, including: all preschoolers, all students coming in from Connecticut private, parochial and charter schools located in the same or another community, all students entering kindergarten including those repeating kindergarten, and those moving from any public or private preschool program, even in the same school district. The one exception is students returning from private approved special education placements–they are not considered new entrants.

Contact the Immunization Program for questions regarding children's immunizations.
Email: DPH.Immunizations@ct.gov
Phone: (860) 509-7929

For the full legal requirements for school entry visit Laws and Regulations page - https://portal.ct.gov/dph/individuals-and-families/immunizations/laws-and-regulations

Commonly Administered Vaccines:			
Vaccine:	**Brand Name:**	**Vaccine:**	**Brand Name:**
DTaP/IPV/HiB	Pentacel	MMRV	ProQuad
DTaP/IPV/Hep B	Pediarix	PCV 7	Prevnar
DTaP/IPV/Hep B/HiB	Vaxelis	PCV 13	Prevnar 13
DTaP/IPV	Kinrix, Quadracel	PCV 15	Vaxneuvance
HiB/Hep B	Comvax	PCV 20	Prevnar 20
DTaP/HiB	Trihibit	Influenza	Fluzone, FluMist, Flucelvax, FluLaval, Fluarix, Afluria