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On May 15, 2026, Governor Hochul signed [Chapter 115 of the Laws of 2026](#), amending [Public Health Law § 2164](#) to allow the Commissioner of Health to adopt regulations governing immunization requirements for school entry utilizing nationally or internationally recognized sources of immunization schedules and practices. Previously, § 2164 required school immunization requirements to match the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). As a result, the Department is in the process of revising the regulations in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act. We anticipate alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics' Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for 18 Years of Age or Younger.

However, while the proposed changes move through the rulemaking process, schools must continue to comply with the current regulations ([New York Code, Rules, and Regulations 66-1](#)) that refer to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Child and Adolescent Immunization Recommendations for Ages 18 Years or Younger. The immunization recommendations for children 18 years of age or younger put forth by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the American Academy of Pediatrics are currently the same. We will continue to monitor the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations and are committed to communicating any changes to the school entry requirements as soon as possible.

A summary of the 2026-27 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance can be found [here](#). July 1 starts the 2026-27 school year in New York State. Additional school immunization resources can be found on the Department of Health website [here](#). New York's immunization policies are grounded in science and public health expertise and are designed to protect children, families, and communities from preventable diseases.