



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



#### PRESCHOOL

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Hep 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> (2 doses separated by at least 28 days required for those receiving flu for the first time) |

#### KINDERGARTEN

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| Hep 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

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Hep 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 7-11

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| Hep 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   |

## GRADE 12

|                |  |
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| Hep 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. |
| 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
- Hep A requirement for school year 2023-2024 applies to all Pre-K through 11<sup>th</sup> graders born 1/1/07 or later.
- Hep B requirement for school year 2023-2024 applies to all students in grades K-12.  
Spacing intervals for a valid Hep B 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 2023-2024 applies to all students in grades K-12.
- Meningococcal Conjugate requirement for school year 2023-24 applies to all students in grades 7-12
- Tdap requirement for school year 2023-2024 applies to all students in grades 7-12
- If two live virus vaccines (MMR, Varicella, MMRV, Intra-nasal 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 Hep A, Hep B, 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 pre-schoolers, 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.

### **Commonly Administered Vaccines:**

| <u>Vaccine:</u> | <u>Brand Name:</u> | <u>Vaccine:</u> | <u>Brand Name:</u>  |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| DTaP-IPV-Hib    | Pentacel           | MMRV            | ProQuad   |
| DTaP-HIB        | TriHibit           | PCV7            | Pevnar  |
| HIB-Hep B       | Comvax             | PCV13           | Pevnar 13   |
| DTaP-IPV-Hep B  | Pediarix           | DTaP-IPV        | Kinrix, Quadracel   |
| Hepatitis A     | Havrix, Vaqta      | PCV 15          | Vaxneuvance   |
| MMR             | MMR II, Priorix    | Influenza       | Fluzone, FluMist, Fluviron, Fluarix, FluLaval<br>Flucelvax, Afluria |