

## New Jersey Department of Health

### MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

**\* Footnote:** The requirement to receive a school entry booster dose of DTP or DTaP after the child's 4th birthday shall not apply to children while in child care centers, preschool or pre-kindergarten classes or programs.

The requirement to receive a school entry dose of OPV or IPV after the child's 4th birthday shall not apply to children while in child care centers, preschool or pre-kindergarten classes or programs.

**\*\* Footnote:** Antibody Titer Law (Holly's Law)—This law specifies that a titer test demonstrating immunity be accepted in lieu of receiving the second dose of measles-containing vaccine. The tests used to document immunity must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this purpose and performed by a laboratory that is CLIA certified.

**\*\*\* Footnote:** No acceptable immunity tests currently exist for Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Pneumococcal, and Meningococcal.

#### **Please Note The Following:**

The specific vaccines and the number of doses required are intended to establish the minimum vaccine requirements for child-care center, preschool, or school entry and attendance in New Jersey. These intervals are not based on the allotted time to receive vaccinations. The intervals indicate the vaccine doses needed at earliest age at school entry. Additional vaccines, vaccine doses, and proper spacing between vaccine doses are recommended by the Department in accordance with the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as periodically revised, for optimal protection and additional vaccines or vaccine doses may be administered, although they are not required for school attendance unless otherwise specified.

Serologic evidence of immunity (titer testing) is only accepted as proof of immunity when no vaccination documentation can be provided or prior history is questionable. It cannot be used in lieu of receiving the full recommended vaccinations.

#### **Provisional Admission:**

Provisional admission allows a child to enter/attend school after having received a minimum of one dose of each of the required vaccines. Pupils must be actively in the process of completing the series. Pupils <5 years of age, must receive the required vaccines within 17 months in accordance with the ACIP recommended minimum vaccination interval schedule. Pupils 5 years of age and older, must receive the required vaccines within 12 months in accordance with the ACIP recommended minimum vaccination interval schedule.

#### **Grace Periods:**

- **4-day grace period:** All vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before either the specified minimum age or dose spacing interval shall be counted as valid and shall not require revaccination in order to enter or remain in a school, pre-school, or child care facility.
- **30-day grace period:** Those children transferring into a New Jersey school, pre-school, or child care center from out of state/out of country may be allowed a 30-day grace period in order to obtain past immunization documentation before provisional status shall begin.