

[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 106, 137, 156, 183, and 220]

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A. **Proof of Immunizations on Admission (N.J.A.C.8:57-4.2)**

1. **The No** Principal shall knowingly admit or retain any **child pupil who whose parent** has not submitted acceptable evidence of **the child's** immunization according to the schedule set forth in **N.J.A.C. 8:57 et seq. and** section **E1 of this Regulation**, unless the pupil is provisionally admitted as provided in paragraph **B.1. below A.2.** or exempted as provided in section **C B. and D of this Regulation**, N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 and 8:57-4.4.

B. **Provisional Admission (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5)**

12. A pupil shall be admitted to **preschool or** school on a provisional basis if a physician, an advanced practice nurse, (a certified registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) or health department can document that at least one dose of each required age-appropriate vaccine(s) or antigen(s) has been administered and that the pupil is in the process of receiving the remaining immunizations.
2. **Provisional admission for children under age five shall be granted in compliance with the specific requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10 through 4.15 and 4.18 for a period of time consistent with the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Service or the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) immunization schedule, but shall not exceed seventeen months for completion of all immunization requirements.**
3. **Provisional admission for children five years of age or older shall be granted in compliance with the specific requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10 through 4.14 and 4.16 for a period of time consistent with the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Service or the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) immunization schedule, but shall not exceed one year for completion of all immunization requirements.**



- a. A child under five years of age lacking all required vaccines shall have no more than seventeen months to meet all immunization requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5(b).
- b. A child five years of age or older lacking all required vaccines shall have no more than one year to complete all immunization requirements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5(c).
- 4c. Provisional status shall only be granted one time to **children** pupils entering or transferring into schools in New Jersey. If a pupil on provisional status transfers, information on their status will be sent by the original school to the new school **pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.7(b)**. Provisional status may be extended by a physician for medical reasons as indicated in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3.
- 5d. **Children** Pupils transferring into this district from **out-of-another** State or **out-of-**country shall be allowed a thirty-day grace period in order to obtain past immunization documentation before provisional status shall begin. The thirty-day grace period does not apply to pupils transferring **into this school district** from within the State of New Jersey.
6. **The school district shall ensure that the required vaccine/antigens are being received on schedule. If at the end of the provisional admission period the child has not completed the required immunizations, the administrative head of the school, preschool, or child care center shall exclude the child from continued school attendance until appropriate documentation has been presented.**
- e. The Principal or designee shall ensure the provisionally admitted pupil is receiving required immunizations on schedule. If the pupil has not completed the immunizations at the end of the provisional period, the Principal shall exclude the pupil from school until appropriate documentation of completion has been presented.



7f. **Students Pupils** on provisional status may be temporarily excluded from school during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or **his/her** designee **in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5.**

CB. **Medical Exemptions from Immunization(N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3)**

1. A **child pupil** shall not be required to have any specific immunization(s) **that which** are medically contraindicated.

2. **A written statement submitted to the school from a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy or an advanced practice nurse (certified registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specific period of time, and the reasons for the medical contraindication, based on valid medical reasons as enumerated by the ACIP standards or the AAP guidelines, will exempt a student from the specific immunization requirements by law for the stated period of time.**

a. **A written statement from any physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy or an advanced practice nurse (certified registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specific period of time and the reasons for the medical contraindication, based on valid reasons as enumerated by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) standards or the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines, will exempt a pupil from the specific immunization requirements by law for the period of time specified in the physician's statement.**

3b. The physician's or an advanced practice nurse's (certified registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) statement shall be retained by the school as part of the **child's** immunization record **of the pupil** and shall be reviewed annually. **When the child's medical condition permits immunization, this exemption shall thereupon terminate, and the child shall be required to obtain the immunization(s) from which he/she has been exempted.**



c. When the pupil's medical condition permits immunization, this exemption shall thereupon terminate, and the pupil shall be required to obtain the immunizations from which he/she has been exempted.

4. Those children with medical exemptions to receiving specific immunizations may be excluded from school during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak, as determined by the New Jersey Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services or designee.

5. As provided by N.J.S.A. 26:4-6, the school district may, on account of the prevalence of any communicable disease, or to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, prohibit the attendance of any school district teacher or student and specify the time during which the teacher or student shall remain away from school.

a. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall provide guidance to the school district on the appropriateness of any such prohibition.

b. The school district shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1 regarding attendance at school by students or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

D. Religious Exemptions (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.4)

12. A child pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) submits to the school a written signed statement requesting an exemption pursuant to the requirements of religious exemptions established at N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1, on "the ground that the immunization interferes with the free exercise of the pupil's religious rights." that explains how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.



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- a. The school district is prohibited from exempting a child from mandatory immunization on the sole basis of a moral or philosophical objection to immunization.
 2. The written statement signed by the parent(s) will be kept by the school as part of the student's immunization record.
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 - b. Pupils enrolled in school before September 1, 1991 and who have previously been granted a religious exemption to immunization, shall not be required to reapply for a new religious exemption under N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.4(a).
 3. The school district may exclude children with religious exemptions from receiving immunization agents from school. Pupils exempted on medical or religious grounds may be temporarily excluded from school during a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or threatened outbreak, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or designee.
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 - a. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall provide guidance to the school district on the appropriateness of any such prohibition.
 - b. The school district shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1 regarding attendance at school by students or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- EC.** Documentation Accepted as Evidence of Immunization (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.6)



1. **The following documents** Any of the following documents shall be accepted as evidence of a **child's** pupil's immunization history provided that the document lists the type of immunization and the **specific** date (month, day and year) when each immunization was administered **is listed.**
 - a. An official school record from any school or preschool indicating compliance with immunization requirements **of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.;**
 - b. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with immunization requirements **of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.;**
 - c. A certificate signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy or an advanced practice nurse (certified registered nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist) in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating compliance with immunization requirements **of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.;** or
 - d. The official record of immunization from the New Jersey Immunization Information System indicating compliance with immunization requirements **of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.**
2. All immunization records submitted by a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in a language other than English shall be accompanied by a translation sufficient to determine compliance with the immunization requirements of **of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq. and** this **R**egulation.
3. **Parental verbal history or recollection or previous immunization is unacceptable documentation or evidence of immunization.**
3. **Laboratory evidence of protective immunity, as enumerated by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the United States Public Health Service, shall be accepted as evidence of immunization if a parent cannot produce a documented history of immunization.**



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D. Immunization Records **Required (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.7)**

1. **Each school The school district shall maintain an official State of New Jersey School Immunization Record for every pupil student. This record which shall include the date of each individual immunization and shall be separated from the child's educational record and other medical records for the purpose of immunization record audit.**

2a. If When a child withdraws, is promoted, or transfers to another school district, preschool or child care center, the immunization record, or a certified copy thereof, along with statements pertaining to religious or medical exemptions and laboratory evidence of immunity, shall be sent to the new school by the original school district or shall be given to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) upon request, within twenty-four hours of such a request.

3. Parental verbal history or recollection of previous immunization is unacceptable documentation or evidence of immunization.

4. When a child graduates from secondary school, the record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be sent to an institution of higher education or may be given to the parent(s) upon request.

b. The immunization record shall be kept separate and apart from the pupil's other medical records for the purpose of immunization record audit.

c. Child care centers, preschools, and elementary schools are to retain immunization records, or a copy thereof, for at least one year after the pupil has left the school. For children who are promoted from elementary to middle school or from middle school to high school within the same school system, this record retention requirement is not applicable in accordance with Department of Education rules and policies on transfer of pupil records.



- 5d. Each child's pupil's official New Jersey Immunization Record, or a copy thereof, shall be retained by a secondary school for a minimum of four years after the pupil graduates from the secondary school. Each child's official New Jersey Immunization Record, or a copy thereof, shall be retained by an elementary school for a minimum of one year after the child has left the school.
- e. When a pupil graduates from secondary school, the record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be sent to an institution of higher education or may be given to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) upon request.
- 6f. Any computer-generated document or list developed by the school district to record immunization information shall be considered a supplement to, not a replacement of, the official New Jersey School Immunization Record.

**G. Reports to be Sent to the Department of Health and Senior Services
(N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.8)**

12. A report of the immunization status of the students in each school shall be sent each year to the State Department of Health and Senior Services by the Principal or designee through mail or submitted electronically in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.8(a). other person in charge of a school. The form for the report will be provided by the State Department of Health and Senior Services. The report shall be submitted by January 1 of the respective academic year. A copy of this report shall be sent to the local Board of Health in whose jurisdiction the school is located. Failure by the school district to submit such report by January 1 may result in a referral to the New Jersey Department of Education and the local health department.
2. The form for the report will be provided by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.
3. The report shall be submitted by January 1 of the respective academic year after a review of all appropriate immunization records.



4. A copy of this report shall be sent to the local Board of Health in whose jurisdiction the school is located.
5. If the school does not submit the annual report by January 1 it shall be considered delinquent. A delinquency may be referred to the New Jersey Department of Education or the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, as appropriate based on the length of time delinquent, number of times delinquent, and efforts made toward compliance. The local health department will also be notified of the delinquency.

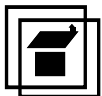
H. Records Available for Inspection (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.9)

13. The Principal or designee other person in charge of a of each school shall maintain records of their children's immunization status. Upon twenty-four hour notice, these records shall be made make immunization records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services or the local Board of Health in whose jurisdiction the school is located, within twenty-four hours of notification.

IE. Immunization Requirements

1. The immunization requirements for school age children shall be in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 – Immunization of Pupils in School as outlined below:

MINIMAL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: Immunization of Pupils in School		
DISEASE(S)	REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
DTaP N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10	(AGE 1-6 YEARS): 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 5 doses. (AGE 7-9 YEARS): 3 doses of Td or any previously administered combination of DTP, DTaP, and DT to equal 3 doses.	Any child entering pre-school, pre-Kindergarten, or Kindergarten needs a minimum of four doses. Pupils after the seventh birthday should receive adult type Td. DTP/Hib vaccine and DTaP also valid DTP doses. Children 7 years of age and older, who have not been previously vaccinated with the primary DTaP series, should receive 3 doses of Tetanus, diphtheria (Td) Laboratory evidence of immunity is

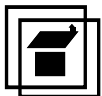


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<p>Tdap</p> <p>N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10</p>	<p>GRADE 6 (or comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade): 1 dose</p>	<p>also acceptable.</p> <p>For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97.</p> <p>A child does not need a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.</p>
<p>POLIO</p> <p>N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.11</p>	<p>(AGE 1-6 YEARS): 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 4 doses. (AGE 7 or OLDER): Any 3 doses.</p>	<p>Either Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) or Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) separately or in combination is acceptable.</p> <p>Polio vaccine is not required of pupils 18 years of age or older.</p> <p>Laboratory evidence of immunity is also acceptable.</p>
<p>MEASLES</p> <p>N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.12</p>	<p>If born before 1-1-90, 1 dose of a live Measles-containing vaccine.</p> <p>If born on or after 1-1-90, 2 doses of a live Measles-containing vaccine.</p> <p>If entering a college or university after 9-1-95 and previously unvaccinated, 2 doses of a live Measles-containing vaccine.</p>	<p>Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 1 dose of measles vaccine.</p> <p>Any child entering Kindergarten needs 2 doses.</p> <p>Previously unvaccinated pupils entering college after 9-1-95 need 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine or any combination containing live measles virus administered after 1968. Documentation of 2 prior doses is acceptable.</p> <p>Laboratory evidence of immunity is also acceptable.</p> <p>Intervals between first and second measles/MMR/MR doses cannot be less than 1 month.</p>
<p>RUBELLA and MUMPS</p> <p>N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.13 N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.14</p>	<p>1 dose of live Mumps-containing vaccine on or after 1st birthday.</p> <p>1 dose of live Rubella-containing vaccine on or after 1st birthday.</p>	<p>Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs 1 dose of rubella and mumps vaccine.</p> <p>Each pupil entering college for the first time after 9-1-95 needs 1 dose of rubella and mumps vaccine or any combination containing live rubella and mumps virus administered after 1968.</p> <p>Laboratory evidence of immunity is also acceptable.</p>
<p>VARICELLA</p> <p>N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.17</p>	<p>1 dose on or after the first birthday.</p>	<p>All children 19 months of age and older enrolled into a child care/pre-school center after 9-1-04 or children born on or after 1-1-98 entering a school for the first time in Kindergarten, Grade 1, or comparable age entry level special education program with an unassigned grade, need 1 dose of varicella vaccine.</p> <p>Laboratory evidence of immunity, physician's statement or a parental statement of previous varicella disease is also acceptable.</p>



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HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE B (Hib) N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.15	(AGE 2-11 MONTHS) ⁽¹⁾ : 2 doses (AGE 12-59 MONTHS) ⁽²⁾ : 1 dose	Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten. (1) Minimum of 2 doses of Hib vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. (2) Minimum of 1 dose of Hib vaccine is needed after the first birthday. DTP/Hib and Hib/Hep B also valid Hib doses.
HEPATITIS B N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.16	(K-GRADE 12): 3 doses or 2 doses ⁽¹⁾	(1) If a child is between 11-15 years of age and has not received 3 prior doses of Hepatitis B then the child is eligible to receive 2-dose Hepatitis B Adolescent formulation. Laboratory evidence of immunity is also acceptable.
PNEUMOCOCCAL N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.18	(AGE 2-11 MONTHS) ⁽¹⁾ : 2 doses (AGE 12-59 MONTHS) ⁽²⁾ : 1 dose	Children enrolled in child care or pre-school on or after 9-1-08. (1) Minimum of 2 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. (2) Minimum of 1 dose of Pneumococcal vaccine is needed on or after the first birthday.
MENINGOCOCCAL N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.20	(Entering GRADE 6 <i>(or comparable age level Special Ed program with an unassigned grade)</i>): 1 dose ⁽¹⁾ (Entering a four-year college or university, previously unvaccinated and residing in a campus dormitory): 1 dose ⁽²⁾	(1) For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. (2) Previously unvaccinated pupils entering a four-year college or university after 9-1-04 and who reside in a campus dormitory, need 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine. Documentation of one prior dose is acceptable.
INFLUENZA N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.19	(AGES 6-59 MONTHS): 1 dose ANNUALLY	For children enrolled in child care, pre-school or pre-Kindergarten on or after 9-1-08. 1 dose to be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year.

AGE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS (FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS/PRE-SCHOOLS)	
CHILD'S AGE	NUMBER OF DOSES CHILD SHOULD HAVE (BY AGE):
2-3 Months	1 dose DTaP, 1 dose Polio, 1 dose Hib, 1 dose PCV7
4-5 Months	2 doses DTaP, 2 doses Polio, 2 doses Hib, 2 doses PCV7
6-7 Months	3 doses DTaP, 2 doses Polio, 2-3 doses Hib, 2-3 doses PCV7, 1 dose Influenza
8-11 Months	3 doses DTaP, 2 doses Polio, 2-3 doses Hib, 2-3 doses PCV7, 1 dose Influenza
12-14 Months	3 doses DTaP, 2 doses Polio, 1 dose Hib, 2-3 doses PCV7, 1 dose Influenza
15-17 Months	3 doses DTaP, 2 doses Polio, 1 dose MMR, 1 dose Hib, 1 dose PCV7, 1 dose Influenza
18 Months – 4 Years	4 doses DTaP, 3 doses Polio, 1 dose MMR, 1 dose Hib, 1 dose Varicella, 1 dose PCV7, 1 dose Influenza



PROVISIONAL ADMISSION:

Provisional admission allows a child to enter/attend school but must have a minimum of one dose of each of the required vaccines. Pupils must be actively in the process of completing the series. If a pupil is less than 5 years of age, they have 17 months to complete the immunization requirements.

If a pupil is 5 years of age and older, they have 12 months to complete the immunization requirements.

GRACE PERIODS:

• 4-day grace period: All vaccines 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.

- 2. The immunization requirements outlined in I.1. above may be revised by Statute, administrative code, and/or the Commission of Health and Senior Services.**

JF. Emergency Powers of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services

- 1. If a threatened outbreak, or outbreak of disease, or other public health immunization emergency exists, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or designee, all pupils with provisional, religious, or medical exemptions (which relate to the specific disease threatening or occurring) shall be excluded from school. If these pupils become immunized or produce serologic evidence of immunity to the specific disease the pupil may immediately be readmitted to school.**
- 12.** If **an outbreak or a** threatened outbreak, **or outbreak** of disease or other public health immunization emergency exists, as determined by the State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or designee, the State Commissioner or designee may issue either additional immunization requirements to control the outbreak or threat of an outbreak or modify immunization requirements to meet the emergency.
- 2a.** All children failing to meet the additional immunization requirements of N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.22 shall be excluded from school until the outbreak or threatened outbreak is over. These requirements shall remain in effect as outlined in **J.3. below and** N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.22(c).
- 3. These requirements or amendments shall remain in effect until such time as the Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services or designee determines that an outbreak or a threatened outbreak no longer exists or the emergency is**



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declared over, or for three months after the declaration of the emergency whichever one comes first. The Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services or designee may declare a state of emergency if the emergency has not ended.

- 43.** The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services or designee may temporarily suspend an immunization requirement **for the particular immunization** in accordance with the reasons **as** outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.22(d).

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