



BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATIONS



The potential for the spread of infectious diseases is increased whenever individuals are brought into group settings. To prevent some of the most serious infections, the New Jersey school immunization rules, Immunization of Pupils in Schools (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) require students to receive a series of immunizations prior to attendance at school.



Vaccines for school-age kids



Here are the vaccines your children ages 4 to 6 should receive and may need before starting kindergarten:

- Flu — needed every year
- COVID-19
- Measles, mumps and rubella — or MMR, for short
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) — known as DTaP
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Polio (IPV)

Additional vaccinations that your elementary school-age children ages 7 to 10 should receive include:

- Flu — needed every year
- COVID-19
- Human papilloma virus (HPV) — recommended starting at age 9

Heading into middle school (ages 11 and 12), your preteen may need the following vaccines:

- Flu — needed every year
- COVID-19
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) — known as Tdap (this vaccine is different from DTaP)
- Meningitis (Meningococcal conjugate, called MenACWY)
- Human papilloma virus (HPV)

In junior high and high school (ages 13 to 18), your children should receive the following immunizations:

- Flu — needed every year
- COVID-19
- Meningitis
 - Meningococcal conjugate, called MenACWY — 2nd dose at age 16
 - Serogroup B meningococcal, called MenB — preferably between ages 16 and 18
- Human papilloma virus (HPV) — if they have not previously received it

For more information on back-to school vaccinations, visit:
https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/k12_parents.pdf



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