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# Vaccinations Your Child Needs Before the Bell Rings



Summer is winding down, and it's time for another school year. While you scramble for school supplies and new clothes, remember to schedule your child's immunizations.

## NY Guidelines for Vaccinations

In New York, all students must stay up to date on immunizations. This includes:



### Students of any age.

Vaccination is required for children in daycare, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school and college.



### Students at any school.

Immunization is necessary whether your child attends a public, private or religious school.

Exception: Children with a doctor's certification that immunization poses a health risk should not get vaccinated and can receive alternative medical options, such as antibody testing and other therapies and treatments.



## Which Vaccines Do Students Need?

Along with annual flu vaccines, timely immunization protects children throughout their academic careers.

- ✓ **Daycare and preschool:** Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib); pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV); Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)
- ✓ **Elementary school:** DTaP; hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; and varicella (chickenpox) vaccines
- ✓ **Middle and high school:** Meningococcal conjugate vaccine and Tdap booster
- ✓ **College:** Certificate of immunization proving the student received MMR and meningococcal conjugate vaccines



## When Should I Schedule My Child's Vaccinations?

To make sure your child is enrolled in school without issues, schedule their vaccinations at least a month before the school year starts. This will give time for any needed vaccinations to be administered during their annual well check-up with your pediatrician.

**Does your child need to catch up on their vaccines before school begins? Find a doctor today:**  
**[weillcornell.org/doctors](http://weillcornell.org/doctors)**



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