Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Public Health Nursing
Non-Public School Health Services

Immunization Requirements
For School Attendance in New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services makes available the law that states which vaccines a child needs to attend school in New Jersey. As per New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL; REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY below is listed, according to age/grade, the vaccines required.

Pre-K
- **Dtap** = minimum of 4 doses
- **Polio (IPV)** = minimum of 3 doses
- **MMR** = 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday
- **HiB** = minimum of 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday
- **Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)** = minimum of 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday
- **Varicella** = 1 dose given on or after the 1st birthday or **parental/health care provider statement of previous chicken pox disease or laboratory evidence of immunity**
- **Influenza** = 1 seasonal dose given **annually** between September 1st through December 31st

Kindergarten
- **Dtap** = minimum of 4 doses, with 4th dose given on or after the 4th birthday OR any 5 doses properly spaced
- **Polio (IPV)** = minimum of 3 doses, with 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday OR any 4 doses properly spaced
- **MMR** = 2 doses given on or after 1st birthday and properly spaced OR **laboratory evidence of immunity in lieu of dose 2**
- **Varicella** = same as above (the ACIP is presently recommending that a 2nd dose be given at age 4 as a booster)
- **HIB** = not required after age 5
- **Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)** = not required after age 5
- **Hepatitis B** = 3 dose series is required

Grades 1 - 5
All immunizations required as above

Grade 6
All immunizations required as above PLUS:
- **Tdap** = 1 dose by 11 years of age
- **Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)** = 1 dose by 11 years of age

Grade 7 – 8
All immunizations required as above

Any child born on or after January 1, 1997 and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country after September 1, 2008, must provide documentation of having received 1 dose of Tdap and Meningococcal Conjugate. Any child transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country may enter school provided they have received at least 1 dose of each required vaccine. They will have 1 year to complete each vaccine series.

Unless already on file in the health office, documentation of these required immunizations must be submitted to the school nurse PRIOR to the child entering school/grade. Noncompliance will temporarily prevent school attendance until the vaccines are given and documentation submitted. Please keep the school nurse updated on any additional vaccines your child receives.