

**Revisions
2019-20**

Varicella

K-4th grade, Proof of Immunity is receipt of vaccine, titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of prior disease. For all newly diagnosed Varicella cases, laboratory confirmation of disease is required.

Two doses of varicella vaccine required for all students K-12.

Tdap

Tdap given age 7-10 for catch up series requires one additional dose at 11-12 for 7th grade entry.

Hep A

2 doses required at 48 months and older for daycare and preschool only. Please be aware that two doses will be required for Kindergarten entry in 2020-21.

Men (ACWY)

One dose required for 7th grade entry.

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To: New Mexico Public and Private School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, School Principals, School Nurses, and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

Re: New Mexico 2019-2020 School Entry Immunization Requirements

Each year the Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) meets to discuss New Mexico School Entry Immunization Requirements. Any changes are thoughtfully discussed and voted on by a group of appointed, experienced immunization professionals. These changes are based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) annual recommendations.

The schedule continues to incorporate changes related to the grade phasing-in process for required vaccinations. In addition, new this year, the DOH is requiring Meningococcal vaccine for 7th grade entry. DOH has also updated the schedule to reflect a requirement of 2 doses of Hep A vaccine for day care and pre-school. Next school year, the Hep A vaccine requirement will be rolled up to include Kindergarten. Other changes in immunization requirements for the 2019-2020 school year are otherwise minor and are highlighted in the column to the left.

Please remember there are several statutes and regulations which address the issue of NM students receiving required immunizations before school entry or enrollment.

- NMSA 1978, § 24-5-2 makes it unlawful for any student to enroll in school unless the student is immunized, or otherwise properly exempted.
- NMSA 1978, § 24-5-4 , 7.5.2.8 NMAC and 6.12.2.8(F) NMAC authorize and require each school superintendent to prepare a record showing the immunization status of every child enrolled or attending a school under his or her jurisdiction.
- Additionally, 6.12.2.8 NMAC requires that schools start disenrollment proceedings for students who are unable to provide satisfactory evidence of commencement or completion of immunization or an exemption from immunization.
- Section 6.12.2.8 NMAC and NMSA 1978, § 24-5-4 also stipulate that parents or guardians who neglect or refuse to permit their child to be immunized against diseases as required by law shall be reported by the school superintendent to the director of the public health division.

Acceptable forms of proof of immunization status includes a NMSIIS printout, printout from provider's Electronic Medical Record or immunization record card.

Thank you for keeping New Mexican children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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Cabinet Secretary

Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [42 USC§ 11432(g)(3)(C)], children experiencing homelessness must be able to enroll in school immediately, even if they are unable to produce immunization records. If the child needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization records, the enrolling school must immediately refer the parent or guardian to the designated local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison for assistance.

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