

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW ROCHELLE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Immunization Requirement for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

May, 2014

New York State Law Section 2164 requires certain immunizations (vaccines/shots) to enter Kindergarten and attend school. Please check with your health care practitioner as soon as possible to make sure that your child has all the needed immunizations. Please note that the NYS Department of Health recently revised the requirements. If you have had other children attend Kindergarten, please review this chart carefully. The requirements are listed below.

Required Immunizations for Kindergarten

Immunization	Number of Doses
Polio	3-5*
Hepatitis B	3
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)	4-5**
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	1-2***
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2

* Polio: The need for Polio #4 and 5 is based on the age at which the vaccines were given.

** DTaP: The need for DTaP #5 is based on the age at which DTaP #4 was given.

*** MMR: MMR #2 will be required for your child when he/she reaches age 7. We strongly recommend having this vaccine prior to Kindergarten entry, <u>particularly with a current Measles outbreak in NYC.</u>

You need to submit proof of immunization to the School Nurse where your child will be attending Kindergarten when you register your child. The Nurse will advise you if additional vaccines are required for school entry.

<u>Proof of immunization must be 1 of the 3 items listed below:</u>

- An immunization certificate signed by your child's health care practitioner (MD, NP, PA).
- Immunization Registry report (NYSIIS or CIR from NYC) from your health care practitioner or the Westchester County Department of Health (or another county health department if you resided elsewhere when your child was immunized.
- A blood test (titer/antibody) lab report that proves your child is immune to the diseases

Note:

 For Varicella (chickenpox) only, a note from your health care practitioner which states that your child had the disease is also acceptable.

If you have questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact your School Nurse.