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To: All New Mexico Schools, School Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, School Principals, and School Nurses

Recently, the "New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements "2018 - 2019 School Year" document was released. As most of you are aware, New Mexico schools are required by state law and regulations to:

- (1) Maintain records of immunizations for students;
- (2) Make those records available to the Department of Health (DOH);
- (3) Report on immunization noncompliance to DOH; and
- (4) Commence disenrollment proceedings for students who are unable to provide either valid satisfactory evidence of immunizations or a valid exemption.

To help achieve those goals, the New Department of Health grants the Public Education Department (PED) School Health Offices the authority to serve as "public health authority." This means that PED has the limited authority to collect immunization information for school-aged children.

Resources for school health personnel to obtain immunization information include:

- (1) The New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System (NMSIIS), the registry for immunization information, which grants school nurses access to immunization records;
- (2) Health care providers who give immunizations to children;
- (3) Immunization records supplied by parents; and
- (4) Immunization records from other schools.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping New Mexico's school children protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,



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New Mexico Childcare/Pre-School/School Entry Immunization Requirements: 2018-19 School Year

New Mexico School Nurses are granted Public Health authority by the NM Secretary of Health for collecting and submitting immunization information

Vaccine	Minimum # of vaccine doses by childcare and pre-school age levels							Vaccine doses by school grade level												Notes			
	By 4 Mo.	By 6 Mo.	By 12 Mo.	By 15 Mo.	16-47 Mo.	48-59 Mo.	≥ 60 Mo.	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th		12 th		
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DT/Td)*	1	2	3	3	3	4	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	5 (4)	One dose required on/after 4 th birthday. Four doses are sufficient if last dose given on/after 4 th birthday, but five doses are preferred for optimal protection.	
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)																	1	1	1	1	1	1	One dose Tdap required for entry into 7 th grade. Meningococcal (ACWY) and HPV vaccinations are also recommended at the same time.
Polio (IPV)* (OPV [†])	1	2	2	2	3	4 (3)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Three doses sufficient if last dose was given on/after 4 th birthday. Students in K-8 th grades final dose required on or after 4 th birthday.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Minimum age for valid first dose is 12 months. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart.
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)*	1	2	2	2	3/2/1	3/2/1	3/2/1																
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Two doses adult Recombivax HB is also valid if administered at ages 11-15 years and if dose 2 received no sooner than 16 weeks after dose 1.
Pneumococcal (PCV)*	2	3	3	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1	4/3/2/1/0																
Varicella (VAR)**				1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	Minimum age for first dose is 12 months; two doses recommended for 12 th graders. Dose 2 should ideally be given after 4 th birthday, see note below. Live vaccines (MMR, Varicella) must be given on the same day; if not, they must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. For K-3 rd graders, receipt of vaccine, titer or laboratory-confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
Hepatitis A (HepA)				1	1	1	1																

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis: If child (4 months-6 years) is behind schedule, follow the CDC's catch-up schedule.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: Students in 7th-12th grades require proof of one dose of Tdap received regardless of when the last Td-containing vaccine was given.

Catch-up: Children 7-18 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series should be vaccinated according to the CDC's catch-up schedule, with Tdap as the first dose followed by Td if needed. A 3-dose series is sufficient if initiated after 7 yrs. of age in which one dose must be Tdap, followed by two doses of Td. Tdap given ≥7 years can be counted for 7th grade requirement or may be repeated.

Polio: A minimum of 4 weeks between doses required with 6 months between last two doses. [†]OPV (oral polio) given after April 1, 2016 not valid.

MMR: Required 2nd dose should be given on/after 4th birthday. However, dose 2 may be given earlier with at least 4 weeks between dose 1 and 2.

Hib: If series started <12 months of age, three doses required with at least one dose on/after 1st birthday. Two doses required if dose 1 received at 12-14 months. One dose of Hib vaccine administered between 16 and 59 months of age is sufficient. Not recommended ≥60 months of age.

Hep B: Dose 2 a minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1; dose 3 at least 16 weeks after dose 1 and at least 8 weeks after dose 2. Infants currently receiving primary series, final dose should be administered no earlier than age 24 weeks.

PCV: Administer a series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months with a booster at age 12-15 months. Catch-up: Administer one dose of PCV13 to all healthy children aged 12-59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age; children >60 months, no doses required.

Varicella: For children aged 12 months-12 years, the minimum interval between the two doses is 3 months. However, if dose 2 was administered ≥28 days after dose 1, dose 2 is considered valid and need not be repeated. For children ≥13 years, the recommended minimum interval is 4 wks. **Required for proof of varicella immunity:**

- For K through 3rd graders: Receipt of vaccine; titer or laboratory confirmed diagnosis is required as proof of prior disease.
- For 4th through 12th graders: Receipt of vaccine, written proof of immunity by a physician/health care provider or laboratory titer is required.
- For all newly diagnosed varicella cases: Laboratory confirmation of disease is required.

Hep A: One dose required by 15 months; two doses recommended with at least 6 months between doses. Hepatitis A vaccine is only required for childcare and pre-school age children, but is recommended for all ages.

Recommended schedule for adult students 19+ years of age in secondary school	
Vaccine	Recommended doses
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	1
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2
Varicella (VAR)**	2

Resources
NM Immunization Protocol: https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/531/
NMSIIS: https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us
NM School Health Manual: http://www.nmschoolhealthmanual.org
For more information call your Regional DOH Immunization contact

*Minimum age 6 weeks. Note: Any vaccine administered ≤4 days prior to minimum interval or age is valid. All students enrolled in designated grades are expected to meet requirements.
 **In the event of an outbreak two doses may be required for all students; students who have had only one dose of varicella vaccine may be excluded from school. Amended 6/28/2018