




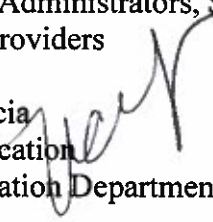
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RE: NM 2009-2010 School Entry Immunization Requirements

The attached 2009-10 school entry immunization requirements schedule has a release date of March 2009. It incorporates several changes related to the grade phasing-in process of recent vaccination requirements from the past few years. This phasing-in process will continue each year until the requirements have been instituted in all applicable grades. Changes in immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year include the following:

- Tdap: One dose of Tdap vaccine will be required for all students entering Grades 7, 8 and 9 if it has been five or more years since the last tetanus-containing vaccine was received.
- Tdap is required for grades 10–12 if it has been 10 or more years since the last tetanus-containing vaccine was received. It is encouraged for grades 10–12 if it has been five or more years since the last tetanus-containing vaccine was received.
- Varicella: Two doses of varicella vaccine will be required for all students entering kindergarten and first grade. One dose is sufficient for those entering grades 2-7.

Additional information may be obtained toll-free by calling the New Mexico Immunization Hotline at 1-888-231-2367.