



READY FOR SCHOOL?

Check those vaccination records!

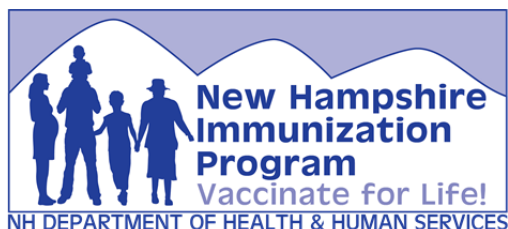
Preschool to College Age

Getting all of the recommended vaccines is one of the most important things a parent can do to protect their child's health, especially when they are in a setting like a [school](#) or a [child care center](#) where disease outbreaks can occur. Whether it's a baby starting at a new child care facility, a toddler heading to preschool, a student going back to elementary, middle or high school, or even a [college](#) freshman, parents should check their child's vaccine records.

Child care facilities, preschool programs, schools and colleges are highly susceptible to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children can easily transmit illnesses to one another. When children are not fully vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their classrooms and in their communities. This includes babies too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

New Hampshire requires children who are entering child care or school to be vaccinated against certain diseases. Colleges and universities may have their own requirements, especially for students living in a dormitory. In addition, teens and college aged students should receive their annual flu, pertussis (whooping cough), HPV (human papilloma virus), and meningococcal vaccines.

Now is the time for parents to check with their child's doctor, school or the local health department to make sure their child's immunizations are up-to-date.



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