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Summary

- All public and non-public Pre-K to Grade 12 schools must ensure that all students are up to date with all mandatory school vaccinations, regardless of whether they are attending school in-person, via remote learning, or a hybrid model.
- Public Health Law § 2164 requires each Pre-K through Grade 12 student to satisfy certain vaccination requirements as a condition of attending school. These requirements are listed in the [2020-21 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance](#)
- The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) is the entity charged with enforcement of the requirement that schools comply with Public Health Law § 2164.
- NYS DOH finds there has been difficulty in obtaining required vaccinations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in inability for some students to meet the vaccination requirements.
- On October 12, 2020, NYS DOH suspended enforcement of required vaccinations for students to

