2023-24

New Jersey Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign





WHAT TEACHERS AND STAFF SAID ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THE HOT SHOTS FOR TOTS IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN

"We were already doing most of the activities and it was great to be able to earn points towards our Gold status by participating in the Campaign."

--Kiddie Academy of Eatontown

"I always learn new information about childhood vaccines I can share with our parents."

> --Hackensack Meridian Early Childhood Education Center

"Loved the resources on the website - found them easy to use and informative. Great program and helped keep me up to date."

--Bright Tomorrows

"The activity suggestions were great and easy to incorporate into existing curriculum. NJDOH staff was helpful and responsive to any questions."

--First Steps Learning Center

"HSFT is a great program; the activities were easy to implement and really helped me to organize my immunization records."

--Early Childhood Learning Center

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WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY HOT SHOTS FOR TOTS IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN?

The New Jersey Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign is a point-based incentive program designed to empower child care providers to develop and implement effective best practices to maintain and/or improve immunization coverage rates.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Child care and preschool facilities throughout New Jersey are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2023-24 campaign.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD CARE FACILITY NEED TO DO TO PARTICIPATE?

The campaign runs from January to June 2024.

<u>Step 1</u>: Select one staff member from the facility as the point of contact.

<u>Step 2</u>: Enroll in the campaign by completing the form at <u>healthsurveys.nj.gov/NoviSurvey/n/2024.aspx</u>. Enrollment will continue on a rolling basis.

<u>Step 3</u>: Receive enrollment information and begin working towards completing activities and tracking your progress. A link to an online pre-campaign evaluation survey will be included with enrollment information, which is mandatory for participation.

<u>Step 4</u>: Complete the mandatory post-campaign evaluation survey, which will be available at the close of the campaign.

<u>Step 5</u>: Once all activities have been completed, submit documentation to the New Jersey Department of Health (details provided on page 4 of this packet).



WHAT ARE THE POINT-BASED ACTIVITIES?

Child care facilities are encouraged to review the attached list of activities in the Activity Log and to select the activities that they wish to complete during the campaign period. Each activity is worth a specific number of points; four of these activities are mandatory for participation. It is up to each facility to determine which activities they choose to complete. Accumulating more points will enable you to reach higher award levels.

HOW ARE THE AWARD LEVELS DETERMINED?

Award levels are determined based on two factors:

- 1. Your facility's immunization record audit score
- 2. Total number of points awarded for the selected activities

Complete any combination of activities to reach the award level you want to achieve: Gold, Silver, or Bronze!

Participants who complete all mandatory activities and submit, but do not reach minimum 170 points or minimum 80% audit score will receive an Honorable Mention award.



Level	Immunization Record Audit Score	Points from Completed Activities	Description			
Gold	90% or higher	270+ points	Has gone above and beyond in demonstrating commitment toward promoting immunization awareness and working towards improving coverage			
Silver	80% or higher	220+ points	Has demonstrated strong commitment toward promoting immunization awareness and working towards improving coverage			
Bronze	80% or higher	170+ points	Has taken initiative toward promoting immunization awareness and working towards improving coverage			
Honorable Mention	No criteria	Must complete all mandatory activities	Has begun making efforts toward promoting immunization awareness and working towards improving coverage			

WILL I RECEIVE AN AWARD?

Participating in the campaign will provide your child care center the opportunity to receive special recognition from state and/or local health officials and to earn an award, which can be prominently displayed in your facility. As an added benefit, participation in the *New Jersey Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign* will demonstrate your commitment to parents in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for their children.

Some activities align with NJ Early Learning and Preschool Standards, support Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating, and National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation Standards.

★ <u>New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll</u>

Additionally, conducting influenza awareness and prevention activities may make you eligible to be added to the *New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll*. See the flyer in <u>Appendix F</u> of the Welcome Packet.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY COMPLETED ACTIVITIES?

Once all activities are completed, documentation must be sent to the New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Preventable Disease Program no later than **June 3**, **2024**, to be eligible. You must use the Submission Form and Activity Log to help you determine what is required for documentation and to keep track of your points. All documents must be submitted at the same time. Please do not send items individually, except for <u>Activity #7</u>. Materials can be faxed, mailed, or emailed to the following:

New Jersey Department of Health

Vaccine Preventable Disease Program ATTN: New Jersey Hot Shots for Tots Immunization Campaign PO Box 369 Trenton, NJ 08625-0369

Fax: 609-826-4866 Email: Jenish.Sudhakaran@doh.nj.gov

When submitting your documentation, make sure that you have included the following:

- 1. Submission Form
- 2. Activity Log
- 3. Event Activity Forms
- 4. Any other corresponding documentation (e.g. transcription activity, copy of policy, lesson plan)

Alternatively, you can submit your Hot Shots for Tots (HSFT) paperwork through the Department of Health's HSFT SharePoint library. Within a few weeks of registering for the campaign, you will receive an email from a HSFT team member (Jenish Sudhakaran, Jennifer Smith, or Elisa Rossetti) with a link to your school electronic folder. If there is a problem with your email address you will be notified. You can use this folder to upload all your HSFT materials. Please refer to the HSFT kickoff webinar for details on the submission process.

NOTE: If you choose to upload your documents in the NJDOH HSFT SharePoint Library, you will need to have a facility email address (e.g. <u>ttaylor@abcpreschool.com</u>); township address (e.g. <u>janedoe@glotwp.com</u>) or county address (e.g. <u>johndoe@mdlsco.com</u>) to receive an invite to your school folder for uploading your documents. **If you designate an email for folder uploads, we will use this address for all correspondence with you during the campaign.**

Resources



Childhood Immunization

- CDC If You Choose Not to Vaccinate, Understand the Risks and Responsibilities cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/conversations/downloads/not-vacc-risks-color-office.pdf
- CDC Immunization Schedules for Infants and Young Children cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread-compliant.html
- CDC Infant and Childhood Immunization Resources cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/resources/childhood.html
- CDC Flu Vaccine Materials (Spanish) cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/spanish.html
- CDC- RSV Immunization Information for Infants and Toddlers cdc.gov/rsv/high-risk/infants-young-children.html
- New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Flu Education Materials nj.gov/health/cd/topics/flu.shtml

Adult Immunization

- CDC Immunization Schedules for Adults cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adult.html
- CDC Pertussis Information for Parents of Young Children cdc.gov/pertussis/materials/parents.html
- CDC Vaccine Information for Adults cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/resources.html
- CDC RSV Information for Older Adults cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/rsv/public/older-adults.html
- CDC-Five Reasons it is Important for Adults to Get Vaccinated cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/reasons-to-vaccinate.html#print For Spanish click here: cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/reasons-to-vaccinate-sp.html
- NJDOH Adult Immunization Placemat nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vpdp/adult immunization placemat.pdf

- CDC—The Importance of Vaccines for Older Adults Video youtube.com/watch?v=hodb65EkorM
- NJDOH Protect Your Baby with Vaccines nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vpdp/pregnancy_brochure.pdf



- NJDOH Child Care/Preschool Vaccine Requirements Chart nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/cc_preschool_requirements_parents.pdf
- NJDOH Immunization Requirements Main Page nj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements/
- NJDOH Provisional Admission Student Tracking Form nj.gov/health/forms/imm-16.pdf
- NJDOH Religious and Medical Exemptions Guidance nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/religious_exemption.pdf
- NJDOH- Medical Exemption Template Form nj.gov/health/forms/imm-53.pdf
- NJDOH Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Main Page nj.gov/health/cd/vpdp.shtml



COVID-19 Resources

- CDC COVID-19 cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- CDC--COVID-19 Vaccines for Children cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/planning/children/6-things-to-know.html
- NJDOH COVID-19 Vaccination state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_vaccination.shtml
- NJDOH COVID-19: Information for Schools state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schools.shtml



Classroom Activities

- NJDOH—Vaccine Activity/Coloring Book English nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vpdp/vaccine_activity_book.pdf
- NJDOH—Vaccine Activity/Coloring Book Spanish nj.gov/health/cd/documents/vpdp/vaccine_activity_book_SPA.pdf
- CDC Lesson Plans and Activities for Child Care and Early Childhood Programs cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/teachingchildrenflu.pdf
- CDC Ready Wrigley Prepares for Flu Season (coloring and activity book) cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/ready wrigley flu.pdf
- CDC "I Got My Flu Vaccine" Sticker Template cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/healthcare/fight-flu-stickers-solid.pdf



- NJDOH Handwashing Materials nj.gov/health/cd/handwashing.shtml
- CDC—Handwashing videos cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html
- National Foundation for Infectious Diseases: Are You a Flu Fighter (coloring book)* nfid.org/resource/are-you-a-flu-fighter-coloring-book/
- Vaccinate Your Family Lesson Plans* ymiclassroom.com/lesson-plans/vyf/?emci=4e30a78c-9985-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&emdi=09f4d0dc-3c8a-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=7203467
- Sesame Street in Communities: Vaccine Activities, Printables, Videos* sesamestreetincommunities.org/subtopics/vaccines/



Educational Materials Available by Request

Shots are Important Activity Book (English and Spanish)



• Shots for Your Child's Health Brochure (English and Spanish)



Germ Patrol Book (English and Spanish)



Immunize Your Child Brochure (English and Spanish)





Standards and Accreditation

- NJ Early Learning and Preschool Standards highscope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/New-Jersey-Preschool-Teaching-and-Learning-Standards-2014_7-15-16_Rebranded.pdf
- Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating* grownjkids.com/
- National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation Standards* naeyc.org/academy/standardsandcriteria

*The link to this website is intended to provide additional information pertaining to immunizations strictly for informational or educational purposes. The New Jersey Department of Health is not responsible for the content of this website and does not endorse private organizations.

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Appendix A – Activity #7

Activity #7: Complete the immunization record transcription activity by following the instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Print out the yellow card and comments section from the next page of the welcome packet or print the separate file from the electronic welcome packet documents.
- 2. Review the scenario below and assess if the child is age-appropriately vaccinated.
- 3. Transcribe all immunization dates onto the yellow card.
- 4. Provide any/all comments related to the vaccinations (i.e. invalid dose, too short of an interval, etc.) in the comments section.
- 5. Scan and email the transcribed yellow card and comments section to <u>Jenish.Sudhakaran@doh.nj.gov</u>
- 6. Once your completed transcription activity is received by NJDOH, a link to the pre-recorded webinar will be shared with you. You must submit your transcription *and* view the recording to receive credit for the activity.

SCENARIO:

A two-year-old child is enrolling in a preschool facility in January 2024. The parents presented the following immunization record from their pediatrician. Please assess if this child is age-appropriately vaccinated.

DOB: 5/12/2021

Pediarix: 7/12/21, 10/10/21 Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV): 12/10/22 Hepatitis B: 5/12/2021 PCV20: 11/01/22 Measles: 7/18/2022 Varicella: serology (immune) Flu vaccine: 8/25/2022 COVID-19: 11/2/2023

Activity #7: Transcription Activity

FACILITY NAME:



1	STANDARD SC	HOOL / CHILD	CARE CENTER	IMMUNIZAT	ION RECORD		
NAME OF CHILD (Last, First, MI)	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo/	ATE OF BIRTH (Mo/Day/Yr) SEX					
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN	TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)						
ADDRESS							
ADDRESS					IMMUNIZATION REG	ISTRY NUMBER	
VACCINE TYPE	1ST DOSE MO/DAY/YR	2ND DOSE MO/DAY/YR	3RD DOSE MO/DAY/YR	4TH DOSE MO/DAY/Y			
DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS (DTaP) or any combination (If Td or DT ⁴¹ , indicate in corner box)						TEST DATE	RESULT
POLIO-INACTIVATED POLIO VACCINE (IPV) (If oral vaccine, indicate OPV in corner box)							
MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR)							en vaccine receipt,
HAEMOPHILUS B (HIB)					serology titer	a, or varicella di	· · · ·
HEPATITIS B (HepB)					Hepatitis D	DATE:	TITER:
VARICELLA					Varicella	DATE:	TITER:
PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE (PCV13)					Measles	DATE:	TITER:
INFLUENZA					Mumpe	DATE:	TITER:
OTHER, SPECIFY:					Rubella	DATE:	TITER:
OTHER, SPECIFY:					Exemptions:	ption Attached	
OTHER, SPECIFY:					Religious Exe	mption Attached	
	Provision	al Admission Date	Granted:/	/			

New Jersey Department of Health STANDARD SCHOOL / CHILD CARE CENTER IMMUNIZATION RECORD

^{III} REQUIRES MEDICAL EXEMPTION. A complete list of New Jersey's immunization requirements is accessible at: http://inj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements

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VACCINE TYPE	COMMENTS
DTaP/Td/Tdap	
IPV	
MMR	
Hib	
Hep B	
Varicella	
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	
Influenza	

Appendix B – Activity #9

Activity #9: Facility has a vaccination policy for all child care/preschool staff, with a minimum requirement for influenza (flu) and/or tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccines. Facilities should have documented guidance/policy on staff immunization requirements and/or applicable exemptions.

Included below are:

- Sample policy text
- Letter to notify staff of the details of the policy requiring immunization documentation; and
- Staff declination forms.

These documents should be reviewed and modified prior to incorporating them into your facility policy.

SAMPLE POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to require all child care/preschool staff members to provide documentation of vaccination against communicable diseases most likely to be transmitted in a child care setting. The National Health and Safety Performance Standard 7.2.0.3, recommends caregivers/teachers should be current with all immunizations routinely recommended for adults by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as shown in the "Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule" at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html.

This policy is designed to protect the health of our staff and the children we serve, and to prevent the spread of communicable diseases by ensuring compliance with the ACIP recommendations. In addition, the facility is requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all staff.

Policy:

All staff of the [insert name of facility] shall provide immunization documentation against the following:

- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap): 1 dose with additional booster every 10 years
- Hepatitis B (HepB): 3 doses (or an approved 2-dose schedule)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): 2 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses or proof of previous exposure
- Influenza (Flu): 1 dose every year
- COVID-19: Number of doses recommended is dependent on the vaccine type received

If a staff member is unable or unwilling to provide appropriate documentation, the child care facility will request the employee to review and sign an educational factsheet on the importance of vaccination.

Rationale:

Routine immunization of adults is the best means of preventing vaccine-preventable diseases. Protection from vaccines received as a child can fade over time, and therefore adults may be at risk for new and different

diseases. Adult vaccines, which are safe and effective in preventing these diseases, should be used to minimize disease and to eliminate potential sources of transmission.

References:

- 1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2017. Recommended adult immunization schedule United States, 2017. <u>cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adult.html</u>.
- "Immunization of Caregivers/Teachers." Caring for Our Children, National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, 4thEdition, Retrieved December 2, 2022, from <u>nrckids.org/CFOC</u>

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Staff Member,

Immunizations are one of the safest ways for you to protect your health. Protection from vaccines you received as a child can fade over time, and you may be at risk for new and different diseases. In addition, the National Health and Safety Performance Standard 7.2.0.3, recommends caregivers/teachers should be current with all immunizations routinely recommended for adults by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as shown in the "Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule" at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html.

By law, children attending school (including child care/preschool) are required to provide immunization documentation or applicable exemptions. To minimize disease and eliminate potential sources of transmission to the children we serve, [*insert name of facility*] is also asking staff to submit documentation showing receipt of the below ACIP recommended immunizations in addition to the COVID-19 vaccine. Please submit documentation to [*insert name*] within [*insert number of days*] days of the start of employment.

- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap): 1 dose with additional booster every 10 years
- Hepatitis B (HepB): 3 doses (or an approved 2-dose schedule)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): 2 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses or proof of previous exposure
- Influenza (Flu vaccine): 1 dose every year
- COVID-19: Number of doses recommended is dependent on the vaccine type received

If you are unable or unwilling to provide appropriate documentation, [*insert name of facility*] will require you to review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "3 Important Reasons for Adults to Get Vaccinated" fact sheet available at: <u>cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/adults/downloads/fs-three-reasons.pdf</u>. In addition, you must sign an acknowledgement form confirming you have received this information. These are measures we are taking to improve the safety of our facility for the benefit of our staff and our children. Thank you for working with us on this effort.

Please feel free to contact [insert name] with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name]

SAMPLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Importance of Adult Immunizations- Acknowledgement Form

I have read the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "3 Important Reasons for Adults to Get Vaccinated" fact sheet. I understand that, because I work in a child care/preschool facility, I may place the children we serve and my co-workers at risk if I work while infected with a vaccine preventable disease. Although I have been informed of the risks and benefits of the vaccine, I choose not to be to be vaccinated at this time, however I will provide documentation if I receive vaccinations in the future.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Appendix C – Activity #14

Activity #14: Maintain antigen-specific exemption list for all children in the facility.

The template shown below can be modified to meet your needs. The full electronic version is available upon request. Please send your email request to the HSFT team.

Consider using the chart below to easily identify students who are exempt from receiving the following vaccines by marking an "R" for a religious exemption and an "M" for a medical exemption. During an outbreak, this list can help you to determine which students may be susceptible. In the example below, a student who has an exemption for the MMR vaccine could be susceptible during a measles outbreak if he/she was exposed.

STUDENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE/CLASS	ALL ANTIGENS	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, Td, Tdap)	Polio (IPV, OPV)	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Pneumococcal Disease (PCV13)	Chickenpox (Varicella)	Influenza (Flu)	Meningococcal (MenACWY)	Hepatitis B
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Appendix D – Activity #15

Activity #15: Recognize and promote positive immunization behaviors. An example of this activity may be to send appreciation cards/letters to parents/guardians who have up-to-date immunization records on file for their children.

This template is available as a print-out card, or as an image that can be shared electronically. A modifiable version is available in the electronic welcome packet's additional documents.



Appendix E – Locations to Access Vaccination Services *Activity* #18: *Provide information to parents about childhood immunizations.*

Provide links to locations where families may be able to access free or low-cost vaccines. This information may be distributed to parents to help them identify where they can access vaccines in their areas. This may help to meet the criteria for Activity #18.

Local Health Departments: local.health.nj.gov/

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs): nj.gov/health/fhs/primarycare/fqhc/

Find Your Local Health Department	
Click a local area on the New Jersey map to see its loc official, its contact information, and a link to its websi	al health department, that department's ranking health
Local Public Health Directory	
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	OR
	City:
	OR
	Name of the Center:
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Appendix F – New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll

nj.gov/health/cd/edu training/vpdp flu honor roll.shtml

Deadline to Participate is March 31, 2024.

