



# Age-Appropriate Vaccination Requirements For Children Enrolled In Child Care Programs

## Valid 9/01/23 - 8/31/24



Per **COMAR 13A.15.03.02 and 13A.16.03.04 G & H**

Vaccination requirements are met only by complying with the vaccine chart below.

Instructions: Find the age of the child in the column labeled “Child’s Current Age”. Read across the row for each required vaccine. The number in the box is the number of doses required for that vaccine based on the CURRENT age or grade level of the child. The age range in the column does not mean that the child has until the highest age in that range to meet compliance. Any child whose age falls within that range must have received the required number of doses based on his/her CURRENT age in order to be in compliance with COMAR.

| Vaccine types and dosage numbers required for children enrolled in child care programs |                                   |                    |   |  |  |                          |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| Vaccine<br>Child’s<br>Current Age  | DTaP/DTP/<br>DT/Td <sup>1,6</sup> | Polio <sup>2</sup> | Hib <sup>3</sup>                                      | Measles, Mumps<br>and Rubella <sup>2,4</sup> | Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup><br>(Chickenpox) | Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup> | Pneumococcal<br>Conjugate <sup>3</sup> (PCV) |
| Less than 2 months   | 0                                 | 0                  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1                        | 0  |
| 2 - 3 months   | 1                                 | 1                  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 1                        | 1  |
| 4 - 5 months   | 2                                 | 2                  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 2                        | 2  |
| 6 - 11 months  | 3                                 | 3                  | 2   | 0  | 0  | 3                        | 2  |
| 12 - 14 months   | 3                                 | 3                  | At least one dose<br>given after 12<br>months of age* | 1  | 1  | 3                        | 2  |
| 15 - 23 months   | 4                                 | 3                  | At least one dose<br>given after 12<br>months of age  | 1  | 1  | 3                        | 2  |
| 24 - 59 months   | 4                                 | 3                  | At least one dose<br>given after 12<br>months of age  | 1  | 1  | 3                        | 1  |
| 60 - 71 Months   | 4                                 | 3                  | 0   | 2  | 1  | 3                        | 0  |
| Grade Level  | DTaP/DTP/<br>DT/Td <sup>1,6</sup> | Polio <sup>2</sup> | Tdap <sup>6</sup>                                     | Measles, Mumps<br>and Rubella <sup>2,4</sup> | Varicella <sup>2,4,5</sup><br>(Chickenpox) | Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup> | Meningococcal<br>(MCV4)                      |
| Kindergarten, Grades 1,<br>2, 3, 4, 5 & 6  | 3 or 4                            | 3                  | 0   | 2  | 2  | 3                        | 0  |
| Grades 7, 8 & 9  | 3 or 4                            | 3                  | 1   | 2  | 2  | 3                        | 1  |
| Grades 10, 11 & 12   | 3 or 4                            | 3                  | 1   | 2  | 1 or 2                                     | 3                        | 1  |

**\* See footnotes on back**

**CHART IS FOR USE BY CHILD CARE FACILITY OPERATORS ONLY TO ASSESS AGE APPROPRIATE IMMUNIZATION STATUS**

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**FOOTNOTES**

**Requirements for the 2023-24 school year are:**

- **2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> AND 9<sup>th</sup>**

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication is required.
2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio and measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**
3. Due to the widespread use of combination products for the primary series of childhood vaccines, the "12-15 month dose-of Hib containing vaccine should be assessed after the 15 month doctor's visit. Hib and PCV (Pevnar<sup>TM</sup>) are not re- quired for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.
4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.
5. Two doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is documented history of disease provided by a health care provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following — DTP, DTaP, Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 years of age and older. One dose of Tdap vaccine received prior to entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade is acceptable and should be counted as a dose that fulfills the Tdap requirement.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older.