



Age-Appropriate Vaccination Requirements for Children Enrolled in Childcare Programs

(Valid for the 2025-2026 academic and summer school year.) rev 02/18/2025

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Vaccination requirements are met 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 to be in compliance with COMAR.

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

* See footnotes on back

THIS CHART IS FOR USE BY CHILDCARE FACILITY OPERATORS ONLY TO ASSESS THE AGE-APPROPRIATE IMMUNIZATION STATUS.

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FOOTNOTES

Requirements for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades.

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication to the pertussis-component 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 (Prevnar™) are not required 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 12th 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 (2) doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th 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 a documented history of disease provided by a healthcare provider. Documentation must include month and year.
6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 yrs old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following —Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 yrs of age and older.
7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older to enroll or attend school.