

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL



Requirements by Age at Entry and Later (Follow-up is required at every age checkpoint after entry.)

Vaccine	2–3 Months	4–5 Months	6–14 Months	15–17 Months	18 Months–5 Years
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)				1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday
Hib	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)					1 dose

INSTRUCTIONS:

To enter a child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, children must have received immunizations required by California law.

1. Parents must submit their child's immunization record as proof.
2. Copy the date of each vaccine onto the California School Immunization Record (Blue Card, CDPH-286).
3. Determine whether children meet requirements above.

ADMIT A CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY WHO:

- Is 18 months and older and has all immunizations required for their age, or
- Submits a personal beliefs exemption (PBE) filed at a prior California child-care facility for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted. **The PBE must have been filed before January 1, 2016 and is only valid until entry to transitional kindergarten/ kindergarten.** For complete details, see ShotsforSchool.org.
- Submits a licensed physician's written statement of a permanent medical exemption for missing shot(s) and immunization records with dates for all required shots not exempted.

ADMIT A CHILD CONDITIONALLY IF THE CHILD:

- Is under age 18 months, has received all immunizations required for age, but will have more required at next age checkpoint.
- Is missing a dose(s) in a series, but the next dose is not due yet (This means the child has received at least one dose in a series and the deadline for the next dose has not passed.) The child may not be admitted if the deadline has passed or the child has not yet received the 1st dose.
- Has a temporary medical exemption to certain vaccine(s) and has submitted an immunization record for vaccines not exempted. The statement must indicate which immunization(s) must be postponed and when the child can be immunized.

WHEN MISSING DOSES CAN BE GIVEN:

Missing Dose	Earliest Date After Previous Dose	Deadline After Previous Dose
Polio #2	6 weeks	10 weeks
Polio #3	6 weeks	12 months
DTP/DTaP #2, #3	4 weeks	8 weeks
DTP or DTaP #4	6 months	12 months
Hib #2	2 months	3 months
Hep B #2	1 month	2 months
Hep B #3 (under age 18 months)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3 (age 18 months and older)	2 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose	6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

DO NOT ADMIT A CHILD WHO:

Does not fit one of the prior categories. Refer parents to their physician with a written notice indicating which doses are needed.

FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED AFTER ADMISSION:

- At every age checkpoint above until all doses are received.
- If child was behind schedule and admitted **conditionally**.
- If child has a temporary medical exemption.

Maintain a list of unimmunized children (exempted or admitted conditionally), so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs. Notify parents of the deadline for missing doses. Review records every 30 days until all required doses are received.

Questions? Visit ShotsForSchool.org or contact your local health department (bit.do/immunization).