

Are Your Kids Ready?

Minnesota's Immunization Law

Immunization Requirements

Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).

Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. Children birth to age 2 may not have received all doses. Look at the table on the back, it shows the age when doses are due.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years ^① For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1st through 6 th grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 th through 12 th grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ^⑥ ✓✓✓
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT ^④ ✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓tetanus and diphtheria containing doses	Tdap ^⑦ ✓
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ^⑤ ✓✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal ^⑧ ✓ & booster
Pneumococcal ^② ✓✓✓✓			
Varicella ^③ ✓	Varicella ^③ ✓✓	Varicella ^③ ✓✓	Varicella ✓✓

Immunizations recommended but not required:

Influenza

Annually for all children age 6 months and older

Rotavirus

For infants

Human papillomavirus

At age 11 -12 years

- ① First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- ② Not required after 24 months.
- ③ If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form.
- ④ Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- ⑤ Fourth shot of polio not needed if third was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- ⑥ An alternate 2-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.
- ⑦ Proof of at least three doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccination needed. If a child received Tdap at age 7 through 10 years another dose of Tdap is not needed. Td does not meet the Tdap requirement.
- ⑧ One dose is required beginning at 7th grade. The booster dose is usually given at 16 years but the timing depends on when the first dose was given.

Exemptions

To enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school in Minnesota, children must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

Looking for Records?

For copies of your child's vaccination records, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-5503 or 1-800-657-3970.