

Immunization Branch

Child care immunization table

Vaccines required for preschool and kindergarten entry, 2023-2024

- 1. This table may be used as a **guide** for early childhood professionals to evaluate which school-required vaccines are needed in order to comply with state immunization requirements. Use the student's age to select the appropriate row. *Example, for a student who is 4 months and 3 weeks, use the "3 month" row as the student is not yet 5 months of age.* Review the student's immunization record with this table to ensure they have at least the number of doses required. The Colorado Board of Health uses the <u>immunization schedule</u> developed by the <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices</u> (ACIP). Vaccines that are not required for school but recommended by ACIP for this age group include: Rotavirus (RV), Hepatitis A (HepA), Influenza (Flu), COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). Note that the table does not include vaccines that are not required for school. Schools and child cares are encouraged to enroll in the <u>Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS)</u> which allows users to lookup, review, and print immunization records. Email cdphe_ciis_schools@state.co.us for more information.
- 2. Immunization requirements must be strictly enforced for all students. Students who do not meet the requirements must be denied attendance according to Colorado Revised Statutes § 25-4-902. There are three ways to be in compliance with the school immunization law:
 - I. Student's immunization record documented on the <u>Colorado Certificate of Immunization</u> or <u>Approved Alternate Certificate of Immunization</u>, shows they are fully immunized with required vaccines. A <u>laboratory report</u> for select vaccines or diseases showing immunity is also acceptable.
 - II. For students who are not up to date on required vaccines, the school must directly notify the parent/guardian that the student has 14 days to receive the required vaccine(s). Parents are to provide a written plan for the remaining vaccines following the minimum intervals of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule. If the plan is not followed, the student must be excluded from school for non-compliance.
 - III. Submission of a <u>Certificate of Medical Exemption</u> signed by a healthcare provider, (MD, DO, APN, PA) or a <u>Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption</u> signed by an immunizing healthcare provider or obtained after the completion of CDPHE's Online Immunization Education Module. A Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption is to be submitted by a parent/guardian when imunizations are due following the ACIP immunization schedule at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months of age.

By months of age, the child is required to have received doses of vaccine.							
Age of child	Number of required doses: Note: Vaccines must be given no earlier than the MINIMUM INTERVALS & AGES in order to be valid. A 4-day grace period applies in most situations though should not be applied to the 28-day interval between two live vaccines (for example, MMR or varicella).						
	Hepatitis (HepB)*	Diphtheria,Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)†	Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib)‡	Polio (IPV)§	Pneumoccal Conjugate (PCV)#	Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)**	Varicella (Chickenpox) ^{††}
1 month	1						
3 months	2	1	1	1	1		
5 months	2	2	2	2	2		
7 months	2	3	3/2	2	3/2		
16 months	2	3	4/3/2/1	2	4/3/2	1	1
19months	3	4	4/3/2/1	3	4/3/2	1	1
24 months	3	4	4/3/2/1	3	4/3/2/1	1	1
By K entry#	3	5/4		4/3		2	2

Per CDC: <u>catch up</u> refers to, "those who start late or who are more than 1 month behind." <u>Once a child catches up to the number of doses required for their age, use the standard recommendation for timing future vaccinations.</u>

*HepB is a 3-dose series at 0, 1-2, and 6-18 months of age. The minimum age for the final dose is 24 weeks of age. If dose 3 is given prior to 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is required. 4 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are permitted when a combination vaccine is used. Catch up: Older students require a minimum of 3 appropriately spaced doses (minimum intervals 0, 4 weeks, 8 weeks and at least 16 weeks after first dose).

†DtaP is a 5-dose series at 2, 4, 6, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years of age. By kindergarten entry, 5 doses of DTaP are required or 4 doses if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday and was given at least 6 months after dose 3. Catch up: for children 4 months through 6 years of age, use CDC's DTaP catch up guidance job aid (PDF).

†Hib is a 3 or 4-dose series depending on product type - 3-doses with PedvaxHIB (2, 4, 12-15 months) or 4-doses at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age for other products or mixed schedules. Catch up: If any dose of Hib is given at or over 15 months through 4 years of age, the Hib requirement is met. Previously unvaccinated children who are 60 months or older do not require Hib vaccination. For children 4 months through 4 years of age, use CDC's CDC's catch up guidance job aid (PDF) (CDC's catch up guidance job aid for PedVaxHib only PDF).

[§]IPV is a 4-dose series at 2, 4, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years of age. By kindergarten entry, 4 doses of IPV are required or 3 doses if the third dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday and was given at least 6 months after dose 2. The final dose must be given no earlier than 4 years of age. Catch up: for children 4 months through 17 years of age, use CDC's IPV catch up guidance job aid (PDF).

*PCV is a four dose series given at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age. Catch up: If any dose of PCV is given at 24 months through 4 years of age, the PCV requirement is met. Previously unvaccinated children who are 60 months or older do not require PCV vaccination. For children 4 months through 4 years of age, use CDC's PCV catch up job aid (PDF).

**MMR is a two dose series given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years of age. Dose 1 is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1st birthday. 2 valid doses are required for students entering Kindergarten. Catch up: Unvaccinated children: 2-dose series at least 4 weeks apart.

^{††}Varicella or chickenpox is a two dose series given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years of age. Dose 1 is not valid if administered more than 4 days before the 1st birthday. 2 valid doses are required for students entering Kindergarten. Catch up: Unvaccinated children: 2-dose series at least 3 months apart. Note: If a child has previous varicella disease, documented by a healthcare provider or a positive antibody titer, the child has met the varicella requirement.