

CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN



(any private or public child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center)

Doses required by age when admitted and at each age checkpoint after entry¹:

| AGE WHEN ADMITTED | TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION ^{2,3} | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------|---------|--------------------------|
| 2 through 3 months | 1 Polio | 1 DTaP | 1 Hep B | 1 Hib |
| 4 through 5 months | 2 Polio | 2 DTaP | 2 Hep B | 2 Hib |
| 6 through 14 months | 2 Polio | 3 DTaP | 2 Hep B | 2 Hib |
| 15 through 17 months | 3 Polio | 3 DTaP | 2 Hep B | 1 Varicella |
| | On or after the 1st birthday: | | | 1 Hib ⁴ 1 MMR |
| 18 months through 5 years | 3 Polio | 4 DTaP | 3 Hep B | 1 Varicella |
| | On or after the 1st birthday: | | | 1 Hib ⁴ 1 MMR |

1. A pupil's parent or guardian must provide documentation of a pupil's proof of immunization to the governing authority no more than 30 days after a pupil becomes subject to any additional requirement(s) based on age, as indicated in the table above (Table A).
2. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
3. Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
4. One Hib dose must be given on or after the first birthday regardless of previous doses. Required only for children who have not reached the age of five years.

DTaP = [diphtheria toxoid](#), [tetanus toxoid](#), and acellular [pertussis](#) vaccine
Hib = [Haemophilus influenzae, type B](#) vaccine
Hep B = [hepatitis B](#) vaccine
MMR = [measles](#), [mumps](#), and [rubella](#) vaccine
Varicella = [chickenpox](#) vaccine

INSTRUCTIONS:

California pre-kindergarten (child care or preschool) facilities are required to check immunizations for all new admissions and at each age checkpoint.

UNCONDITIONALLY ADMIT a pupil age 18 months or older whose parent or guardian has provided documentation of any of the following for each immunization required for the pupil's age as defined in table above:

- Receipt of immunization.
- A permanent medical exemption.*
- A personal beliefs exemption (filed prior to 2016).[†]

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION SCHEDULE FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Before admission a child must obtain the first dose of each required vaccine and any subsequent doses that are due because the period of time allowed before exclusion has elapsed.

| DOSE | EARLIEST DOSE MAY BE GIVEN | EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Polio #2 | 4 weeks after 1st dose | 8 weeks after 1st dose |
| Polio #3 | 4 weeks after 2nd dose | 12 months after 2nd dose |
| DTaP #2, #3 | 4 weeks after previous dose | 8 weeks after previous dose |
| DTaP #4 | 6 months after 3rd dose | 12 months after 3rd dose |
| Hib #2 | 4 weeks after 1st dose | 8 weeks after 1st dose |
| Hep B #2 | 4 weeks after 1st dose | 8 weeks after 1st dose |
| Hep B #3 | 8 weeks after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose | 12 months after 2nd dose |

CONDITIONALLY ADMIT any pupil who lacks documentation for unconditional admission if the pupil:

- has commenced receiving doses of all the vaccines required for the pupil's age (table on page 1) and is not currently due for any doses at the time of admission (as determined by intervals listed in Conditional Admission Schedule, column entitled "EXCLUDE IF NOT GIVEN BY"), or
- is younger than 18 months and has received all the immunizations required for the pupil's age (table on page 1) but will require additional vaccine doses at an older age (i.e., at next age checkpoint), or
- has a temporary medical exemption from some or all required immunizations.*

Continued attendance after conditional admission is contingent upon documentation of receipt of the remaining required immunizations. The pre-kindergarten facility shall notify the pupil's parent or guardian of the date by which the pupil must complete all remaining doses.

* In accordance with 17 CCR sections 6050-6051 and Health and Safety Code sections 120370-120372.

† In accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.

