

## **Minimum Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten Students**

**DTaP or DTP** - A minimum of three doses for any child under age four. 4 doses for a child four years or older with at least one dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Polio (OPV or IPV)** - For any child under age four, a minimum of three doses of the same kind (all either OPV or IPV). A child four years or older with only 3 doses must have received at least one dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday if at least 6 months after previous dose.

**Hib** - The number of doses required is governed by the child's current age with no requirement for children 60 months of age or older when they enter school. A complete series consists of either 2 or 3 doses. Unvaccinated children between the ages of 15 and 60 months when they enter are only required to have one dose of vaccine.

**Hepatitis B** - Three doses of vaccine are required with the second dose given at least 28 days after the first. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the second dose and the child must be at least 24 weeks old at that time.

**Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** - A minimum of one dose at or after age 12 months (365 days). Before entering kindergarten the student must receive a second dose of Measles & Mumps vaccines or a second MMR. The second dose is usually administered between ages 4 and 6 but can be administered any time after a minimum of 28 days following the first dose.

**Varicella** - All children who have not had the disease are required to have one dose of chickenpox vaccine given at or after age 12 months (365 days).

**For all of the above**, if any of the spacing is less than the minimum, another dose will be needed for school entry.

**NOTE:** The above is a summary and does not substitute for the full requirements as contained in “**MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO SCHOOL AND DAY CARE**” found on the Virginia Department of Health website.