**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. The table on the back shows the ages when doses are due.

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**Immunizations recommended but not required:**

- **Influenza**
  - Annually for all children age 6 months and older

- **Human papillomavirus**
  - At age 11-12 years

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1. Not required after 24 months.
2. 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 confirming disease.
3. First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
4. Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
5. Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
6. Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.
7. An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.
8. One dose of Tdap is required beginning at 7th grade. Also need proof of at least two tetanus and diphtheria containing doses (DTaP/DT/Td). If a child received Tdap prior to 7th grade, another dose of Tdap is not needed.
9. One dose is required beginning at 7th grade. The booster dose is usually given at 16 years.

**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 non-medical exemption 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 651-201-3980.

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# When to Get Vaccines
## Birth to 16 Years

- **Birth**: Hep B (1-2 months after 1st hep B dose)
- **2 MONTHS**: Hep B* (6-18 months)
- **4 MONTHS**: PCV, RV, DTaP
- **6 MONTHS**: Hep B* (6-18 months)
- **12 MONTHS**: DTaP (15-18 months)
- **15 MONTHS**: DTaP
- **18 MONTHS**: MMR (12-15 months)
- **4-6 YEARS**: Varicella (12-15 months)
- **11-12 YEARS**: Hep A (2 doses at least 6 months apart)
- **16 YEARS**: HPV**

**Concerned about cost?** Free or low cost vaccines are available. Talk to your doctor or clinic.

- **Influenza (each fall)**

- **Pregnant?** Protect yourself and your baby from whooping cough, get a Tdap vaccination between 27 and 36 weeks gestation. Talk to your doctor.

*The number of doses* depends on the product your doctor uses.

**Two doses for 9 to 14 year olds; three doses for 15 to 26 year olds.

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**Key to vaccine abbreviations**

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