

ARIZONA GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

Child Care, Preschool, or Head Start School Year 2025-2026



- Requirements are shown below as stated in [Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-702](#), Table 7.1 and Table 7.2
- Please review the [Arizona Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs](#) along with the [Vaccine Catch-Up Flowcharts & FAQs](#) for further information and details about immunization requirements and exemptions.
- Vaccines must follow ACIP minimum intervals and ages to be valid. See pages 2-3 for minimum interval and catch-up schedule information.
- The 4-day grace period only applies to vaccine-administration minimum age and interval. Refer to the Handbook for questions.

Vaccine	2-3 months	4-5 months	6-11 months	12-14 months	15-17 months	18 months – 59 months
HepB Hepatitis B	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 documented doses
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses	4 documented doses
Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	1 dose	2 doses	2-3 doses	2-3 doses	3-4 doses	3-4 documented doses OR 1 dose at or after 15 months of age
Polio IPV	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 documented doses
MMR Measles, Mumps and Rubella	Not given before 12 months of age, unless traveling. <i>Infants under 12 months old who are traveling may get a dose at 6 through 11 months; however, it is considered dose-0; the child must follow the recommended schedule and get an additional dose at 12 through 15 months.</i>			1 dose	1 dose	1 documented dose
VAR Varicella (chickenpox)	Not given before 12 months of age			1 dose	1 dose	1 documented dose
HepA Hepatitis A	Not given before 12 months of age <i>The Hepatitis A vaccine series (2 doses) is REQUIRED in Maricopa County for children 1-5 years of age and is recommended in all other counties.</i>			1 dose	1 dose	2 documented doses

Minimum Interval/Catch-Up Guidance

A child who is missing vaccines required for their age must get a dose of needed vaccines within 15 days of enrollment; after 15 days, the child may not attend without documentation that the child has received the required vaccinations or started the series.

Vaccine	Dose #	Minimum Age	Minimum Interval Between Doses	Notes
HepB Hepatitis B	Dose 1	Birth	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	- The final dose of HepB vaccine must be given at 24 weeks of age or older. If HepB dose 3 was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is required. - Some children may receive a birth dose and then a combination vaccine, resulting in a total of 4 (or more) doses. As long as the minimum intervals between doses and receipt of final dose at 24 weeks of age or older are met, 4+ doses meet the requirement.
	Dose 2	4 weeks	At least 8 weeks between dose 2 & 3 (or final)	
	Dose 3	24 weeks	At least 16 weeks between dose 1 & 3 (or final) AND at/after 24 weeks of age	
DTaP Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	A child may receive a dose of DTaP at or after 4 years of age; although not required for attendance in child care/preschool, this dose is usually given in preparation for attendance in kindergarten. The minimum age for the final dose is 4 years of age and at least 6 months since the previous dose.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 6 months between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months		
Hib <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	- If all 3 doses given are PedvaxHib, only 3 total doses are needed; dose 3 must be at or after 12 months of age. - A Hib dose at or after 12 months is required for all children under 5 years of age. - Only one dose is required if the first/only dose is given at or after 15 months of age. - Hib is not given after 5 years of age unless the child has a medical condition.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 8 weeks between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months		
Polio IPV	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	- Only 3 doses are required for kindergarten entry if the 3rd dose was received at or after the child's 4th birthday and at least six months after the 2nd dose. - OPV doses administered on or after April 1, 2016, are presumed to be bivalent and therefore unacceptable. (The U.S. currently does not give anything other than IPV (inactivated polio vaccine), whereas some foreign countries still give the OPV (oral polio vaccine)).
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 6 months between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	4 years		

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MMR Measles, Mumps and Rubella	Dose 1	12 months *6 months, if traveling considered dose 0	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	- The first dose is routinely given at 12-15 months. - If traveling to an endemic area, CDC recommends an early dose beginning at 6 months of age. Another dose will need to be administered between 12-15 months, at least 28 days after the initial dose. Refer to Plan for Travel Measles (Rubeola) CDC.
	Dose 2	13 months		
VAR Varicella (chickenpox)	Dose 1	12 months		
HepA Hepatitis A	Dose 1	12 months	At least 6 months between dose 1 & 2	Children 1-5 years of age are required to obtain dose 1 within 15 days of enrollment in child care, preschool, or Head Start. Dose 2 is due 6 months after dose 1.
	Dose 2	18 months		