Vaccination Requirements for Children Enrolled in Maryland Preschool Programs and in Schools (Grades K-12) *(Rev 6/23/2026)* — Per COMAR 10.06.04.03

Instructions: To determine the required number of vaccinations for a student, first locate the student's age or grade on the chart. Then, read across the chart from left to right. **Please refer to page 2 for the footnotes and compliance rules.** For more information, visit the Maryland Department of Health Back-to School website.

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for PRESCHOOL aged children enrolled in educational programs							
Vaccine / **Child's Current Age**	**DTaP/DTP/DT** [1,6]	**Polio**[2]	**Hib**[3]	**Measles,**[2,4] **Mumps, Rubella**	**Varicella**[2,4,5] **(Chickenpox)**	**Hepatitis B**[2]	**PCV**[3] **(Prevnar™)**
Less than 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2 - 3 months	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
4 - 5 months	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
6 - 11 months	3	3	2	0	0	3	2
12 - 14 months	3	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age[3]	1	1	3	2
15 - 23 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	2
24—59 months	4	3	At least 1 dose given after 12 months of age	1	1	3	1
60 - 71 months	4	3	0	2	1	3	0

Required cumulative number of doses for each vaccine for children enrolled in KINDERGARTEN - 12th grade								
Grade Level **Grade**	**(Ungraded)**	**DTaP/DTP/Tdap/DT/Td**[1,6]	**Tdap**[6]	**Polio**[2]	**Measles,**[2,4] **Mumps, Rubella**	**Varicella**[2,4,5] **(Chickenpox)**	**Hepatitis B**[2]	**Meningococcal (MCV4)**
Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 5, & 6	(5 - 11 yrs.)	3 or 4	0	3	2	2	3	0
Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12	(11 – 18+ yrs.)	3 or 4	1	3	2	2	3	1

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FOOTNOTES

1. If DT vaccine is given in place of DTP or DTaP, a physician documented medical contraindication to the pertussis-component is required.

2. Proof of immunity by positive blood test is acceptable in lieu of vaccine history for hepatitis B, polio, and measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, **but revaccination may be more expedient.**

3. Due to the widespread use of combination products for the primary series of childhood vaccines, the 12–15-month dose-of Hib containing vaccine should be assessed after the 15-month doctor's visit. Hib and PCV (Prevnar^{TM}) are not required for children older than 59 months (5 years) of age.

4. All doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccines should be given on or after the first birthday. However, upon record review for students in preschool through 12th grade, a preschool or school may count as valid vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four (4) days before the first birthday.

5. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are required for students entering Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th , 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades and for previously unvaccinated students 13 years of age or older. Medical diagnosis of varicella disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination. Medical diagnosis is a documented history of disease provided by a healthcare provider. Documentation must include month and year.

6. Four (4) doses of DTP/DTaP are required for children less than 7 years old. Three (3) doses of tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine (any combination of the following —Tdap, DT or Td) are required for children 7 yearsof age and older.

7. Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age and older.