

Child Care Licensure

Child Care Immunization Requirements

The MSDH regulations governing the licensure of child care facilities mandate that each child in a licensed facility have immunizations according to the table shown below. Children ages 0 – 4 years of age and enrolled in licensed child care facilities are expected to be age appropriately immunized^a.

Range of recommended ages

Vaccine	Birth	1 Mo	2 Mos	4 Mos	6 Mos	12 Mos	15 Mos	18 Mos	24 Mos
Hepatitis B (HepB)^b		#1		#2	#3				
Inactivated Polio (IPV)			#1	#2	#3				
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)			#1	#2	#3	#4			
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b^c (Hib)			#1	#2	(#3) ^c	#3 or #4 ^c			
Pneumococcal^d (PCV)			#1	#2	#3	#4			
Measles, Mumps, Rubella^e (MMR)						#1			
Varicella^f (VAR; aka Chickenpox)						#1			

a - Children who are not up to date for age should be vaccinated following the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 2011 catch-up schedule, available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/default.htm>. Where an age range for a vaccine is shown, the vaccine is NOT required until the END of the age range.

b - An infant between birth and 2 months of age may receive one or more doses of Hep B vaccine.

c - The number of recommended doses of Hib vaccine will vary according to the age at which a child receives the 1st dose of Hib and the type of Hib vaccine administered.

d - Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) is required for all children aged 0-4 years entering a child care facility, effective January 1, 2008. Children age ≥ 5 years of age entering daycare, child care or after school care will not be required to receive PCV.

e - MMR vaccine will only be waived if there is a documented physician’s diagnosis of previous infection with measles, mumps and rubella disease or serological confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella.

f - Varicella vaccine will be waived for evidence of past infection: including past history of chickenpox or a serologic confirmation of immunity to chickenpox.