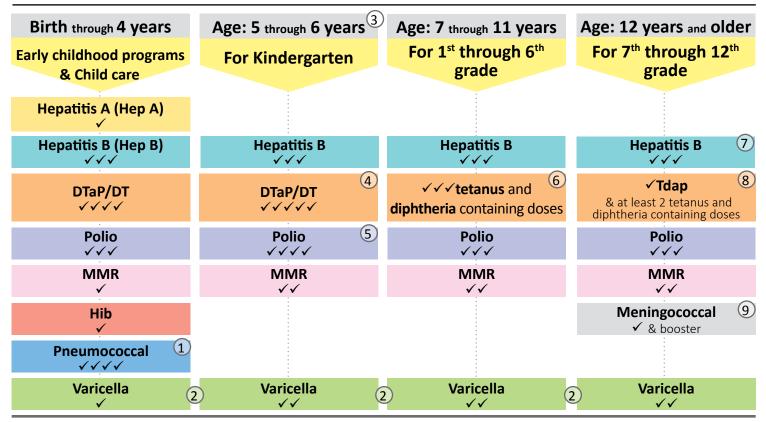
Are Your Kids Ready?

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.



Immunizations recommended but not required:

Influenza

Annually for all children age 6 months and older

Rotavirus For infants

Human papillomavirus At age 11-12 years

- 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.

When to Get Vaccines Birth to 16 Years

16 YEARS				MCV						
11-12 YEARS	**		Тдар	MCV						
4-6 YEARS			DTaP			IPV	MMR	Varicella		all)
18 MONTHS			18 months)						onths apart)	Influenza (each fall)
15 MONTHS	-18 months)		DTaP (15-18 months)	Hib (12-15 months)	PCV (12-15 months)	IPV (6-18 months)	-15 months)	12-15 months)	Hep A (2 doses at least 6 months apart)	Infl
12 MONTHS	Hep B* (6-18 months)			Hib (12-1	PCV (12-1	IPV (6-18	MMR (12-15 months)	Varicella (12-15 months)	Hep A (2 c	
6 MONTHS		**************************************	DTaP	Hib	PCV .					
4 MONTHS	Hep B* (1-2 months after 1st hep B dose)	. A	DTaP	Hib*	PCV	IPV				
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Birth	Hep B							oncerned	Free or low a	doctor

It's not too late! If your child has fallen behind on their vaccinations, talk to your doctor or clinic to catch them up.

Minnesota law requires written proof of certain vaccinations for children in child care, early childhood programs, and school. However, if a child has a medical reason or if his/her parents are conscientiously opposed to any or all of the vaccinations, a legal exemption is available.

Children with certain medical conditions may need additional vaccines (e.g., pneumococcal or meningococcal). Talk to your doctor or clinic.



Immunization Program 651-201-5503 or 1-800-657-3970 www.health.state.mn.us/immunize

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

DTaP/Td/Tdap = diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus		Hib = Haemophilus influenzae type b	luenzae type b
Hep B = hepatitis B	Hep A = hepatitis A	IPV = polio	MCV = meningococcal
MMR = measles, mumps, rubella	s, rubella	PCV = pneumococcal RV = rotavirus	RV = rotavirus