

Child Care



REFERENCE Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380; California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075

INSTRUCTIONS To attend child care, children must have immunizations outlined below by age. Parents must present their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. Copy the full date of each shot onto the blue California School Immunization Record card and then determine if the child is up-to-date. Blue cards are available free from the Immunization Coordinator at your local health department. As the child care provider, it is your responsibility to follow up regularly until all shots are finished.

IMMUNIZATIONS (SHOTS) REQUIRED TO ATTEND CHILD CARE, BY AGE



Age When Enrolling	Immunizations (Shots) Required
2–3 months	1 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
4–5 months	2 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
6–14 months	3 DTaP 2 each of Polio, Hib, Hep B
15–17 months	3 each of Polio, DTaP 2 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday ¹ 1 Hib, on or after the first birthday ^{1, 3}
18 months–5 years	3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday ¹ 1 Hib, on or after the first birthday ^{1, 3} 1 Varicella (chickenpox) ²

Vaccines

- DTaP:** Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis combined vaccine.
- Hib:** *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine; required only for children up to age 4 years, 6 months.
- MMR:** Measles, mumps, and rubella combined vaccine.
- Hep B:** Hepatitis B vaccine.
- Varicella:** Chickenpox vaccine.

You may admit a child who is lacking one or more required vaccine doses if the dose(s) is not currently due **on the condition** that they receive the remaining dose(s) when due, according to the schedule above. You will need to review records to make sure this occurs. If the maximum time interval between doses has passed, the child cannot be admitted until the next immunization is obtained.

¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the child care entry immunization requirement.
² If a child had chickenpox disease and this is indicated on the Immunization Record by the child's physician, they meet the requirement. Write "disease" in the chickenpox date box on the blue card.
³ Required only for children who have not reached the age of 4 years 6 months.

WHEN NEXT SHOTS ARE DUE

Polio #2	6–10 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	6 weeks–12 months after 2nd dose
DTaP #2, #3	4–8 weeks after previous dose
Hib #2	2–3 months after 1st dose
DTaP #4	6–12 months after 3rd dose
Hep B #2	1–2 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3	Under age 18 months: 2–12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose Age 18 months and older: 2–6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

EXEMPTIONS The law allows parents/guardians to submit an exemption from immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs or medical conditions. For children with medical exemptions, the physician's written statement should be submitted. Child care staff should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions, so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

For more information, visit ShotsForSchool.org