

Child Care or Preschool (birth – 5 years)



Requirements by age at entry and on a continuing review status. Vaccines must follow minimum intervals and ages to be valid. A 4-day grace period applies in most situations.

Vaccine	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	12 Months	15 Months	18+ Months
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	Hep B 1* (see pg. 2)	Hep B 2	Hep B 3 (received at 24 weeks of age or older and by 12 mos of age)		Documented 3 or 4 doses Note: If Hep B #3 was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4 th dose is needed.	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	DTaP 1	DTaP 2	DTaP 3	---	DTaP 4	Documented 4 doses
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Hib 1	Hib 2	Hib 3** (see pg.2)	---	Hib 4** (see pg. 2)	Documented 3-4 doses
Poliomyelitis (Polio) (IPV or OPV)	Polio 1	Polio 2	---	Polio 3	Documented 3 doses	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	---	---	---	MMR 1	Documented 1 dose Note: MMR and Varicella must be given on the same day or at least 28 days apart	
Varicella (chickenpox) (VAR)	---	---	---	VAR 1	Documented 1 dose Note: MMR and Varicella must be given on the same day or at least 28 days apart	
Hepatitis A (Maricopa County only)	---	---	---	Hep A 1***		Hep A 2 (due 6 months after dose 1)
Summary of vaccines required for 15 months to Pre-kindergarten	All of these doses are required at 15 months of age and older: 3 Hep B, 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 1 Varicella, and 3-4 Hib or 1 Hib dose given at/after 15 months. ***2 doses of Hepatitis A are required for children 1-5 years old in Maricopa County only, but are recommended in all other counties.					

Please see reverse for additional information and exceptions and conditions to the rules.

GUIDE TO ARIZONA IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

Child Care or Preschool

The laws and rules governing child care and preschool immunization requirements are Arizona Revised Statutes §15-884; and Arizona Administrative Code, R9-5-305 & R9-6-701-708. Please review the child care requirements in Table 7.1 and “catch-up” schedule in Table 7.2, located in R9-6-701-708.

Students must have proof of all required immunizations in order to attend child care or preschool. Parental recall or verbal history of any disease is not accepted; therefore these students must submit an ADHS medical exemption form. **Specifically with varicella (chickenpox), measles, or rubella disease a medical exemption with attached laboratory evidence of immunity is required.**

A child who is missing vaccines required for his age can start child care but must get a dose of each vaccine due within 15 days of enrollment and bring a copy of the immunization record completed by the clinic to the child care facility. **After 15 days, the child may not attend child care without documentation that the child has received the required vaccinations.**

Arizona law allows child care immunization exemptions for medical reasons, lab evidence of immunity, and religious beliefs. For further information and guidance please review the [Arizona Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs](#) along with [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Additional Information on vaccine requirements:

- **Hep B:** *Hep B dose #1 is required for babies 0-2 months attending child care. Minimum intervals for valid doses are as follows: The 2nd dose is due at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose is due at least 8 weeks after the 2nd dose and at least 16 weeks after the 1st dose. The final dose of hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) must be at or after 24 weeks of age. If Hep B 3rd dose was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is needed.
- **DTaP:** The 2nd dose is due 4 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose is due 4 weeks after the 2nd dose; the 4th dose is due 6 months after the 3rd dose.
- **Hib:** If child is 7-14 months of age, doses are given 2 months apart. If child is at least 15 months old and less than 5 years, a single dose is needed to catch up. A Hib dose at/after 12 months is required for all children under 5 years.
**If Pedvax Hib is used for the first two doses, only 3 total doses are needed and the 3rd dose of Hib is not due until 12-15 months of age.
- **Poliomyelitis (Polio):** The 2nd dose is due 4 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose is due 4 weeks after the 2nd dose. If the child is 4+ years of age, the 3rd Polio may qualify as the child's final dose, but must have a 6 month interval between the last two Polio doses.

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). OPV given prior to April 1, 2016 will be presumed to be trivalent and therefore acceptable, regardless of country of administration. Any OPV doses administered after April 1, 2016 are presumed to be bivalent and therefore unacceptable.

- **Hep A: Required for Maricopa County only; Recommended for all other counties.** Children 1 through 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.

