

Are Your Kids Ready?

Minnesota's Immunization Law

Immunization Requirements The following immunizations are required beginning Sept. 1, 2014.

To enter into child care, early childhood programs, and elementary or secondary schools (public or private), children need to have certain immunizations. Use this chart as a quick reference to determine which vaccines are required for enrollment. See below for exemption information.

| Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care | Age: 5 through 6 years ² For Kindergarten | Age: 7 through 11 years For 1st through 6 th grade | Age: 12 years and older For 7 th through 12 th grade |
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| Hepatitis A | | | |
| Hepatitis B | Hepatitis B 3 doses | Hepatitis B 3 doses | Hepatitis B³ 3 doses |
| DTaP/DT | DTaP 5 doses 5 th shot not needed if 4 th was after age 4 | At least 3 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses | Tdap⁴ at age 11-12 years |
| Polio | Polio 4 doses 4 th polio not needed if 3 rd was after age 4 | Polio At least 3 doses | Polio At least 3 doses |
| MMR | MMR 2 doses | MMR 2 doses | MMR 2 doses |
| Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b | | | Meningococcal⁵ at age 11-12 years |
| Pneumococcal age 2-24 months | | | |
| Varicella¹ | Varicella¹ 2 doses | Varicella¹ 2 doses | Varicella¹ 2 doses |

Immunizations recommended but not required by the Immunization Law:

Influenza

Recommended annually for all children age 6 months and older

Rotavirus

Recommended for infants

Human papillomavirus

Recommended at age 11 years

¹ 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.

² First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.

³ An alternate 2-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.

⁴ Proof of at least three doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccination needed. If a child received Tdap at age 7-10 years another dose is not needed at age 11-12 years. However, if it was only a Td a Tdap dose at age 11-12 years is needed.

⁵ A booster dose is required at age 16 years or three years later if the first dose was given between age 13-15 years.

Exemptions To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

Looking for Vaccination Records? For copies of your child's vaccination records, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-5503 or 1-800-657-3970.



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