

# Child Care Immunization Requirements

The MSDH Regulations governing the licensure of childcare facilities mandate that each child in a licensed facility have immunizations according to the table shown below. Children 0 – 4 years of age and enrolled in licensed childcare facilities are expected to be age appropriately immunized<sup>a</sup>.

## 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) <sup>b</sup>	#1	#2			#3 or #4 <sup>b</sup>				
Inactivated Polio (IPV)			#1	#2	#3				
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)			#1	#2	#3		#4 <sup>c</sup>		
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b <sup>d</sup> (Hib)			#1	#2	#3	#3 or #4 <sup>d</sup>			
Pneumococcal <sup>e</sup> (PCV)			#1	#2	(#3) <sup>e</sup>	#4			
Measles, Mumps, Rubella <sup>f</sup> (MMR)						#1			
Varicella <sup>g</sup> (VAR; aka Chickenpox)						#1			

- Children who are not up to date for age should be vaccinated following the ACIP 2024 catch-up schedule available at: [Pinkbook Course Book: Epidemiology of Vaccine Preventable Diseases | CDC](#). Where an age range for a vaccine is shown, the vaccine is NOT required until the END of the age range.
- An infant between birth and 2 months of age may receive one or more doses of Hep B vaccine. Administration of 4 doses is permitted when a combination vaccine containing HepB is used after the birth dose.
- Dose 4 of DTaP may be administered as early as age 12 months if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3.
- The number of recommended doses of Hib vaccine will vary according to the age at which a child receives the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of Hib and the type of Hib vaccine administered. Children >5 years of age entering daycare, childcare, or afterschool care will not be required to receive Hib.
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) and Hib are required for all children age 0-4 years entering a childcare facility. Children >5 years of age entering daycare or after school care will not be required to receive PCV and Hib.
- MMR vaccine will only be waived if there is a documented physician's diagnosis of previous infection with measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Varicella vaccine will be waived for evidence of past infection including history of chickenpox, or serologic confirmation of immunity to chickenpox.