

Guide to Immunization Requirements in Oklahoma: 2018-19 School Year

All children two months of age and older must present an immunization record or file for an exemption before they are allowed to attend childcare or school in Oklahoma. Please read the bullets below for essential information.



	CHILDCARE Up-to-date for age	PRE-SCHOOL PRE-KG	KG-6th	7th - 12th
VACCINES	Total doses		Total doses	
DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 DTaP		5 DTaP★	One-time Tdap booster
PCV (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)	1-4 PCV◆	PCV is required for children in child care only.		No additional doses are required once a child has completed the required number of doses. If a child or student has not completed all of the required doses by the time they enter pre-school, kindergarten, or any grade above kindergarten, the doses must be completed on schedule.
IPV/OPV (inactivated polio/oral polio)	3 IPV/OPV		4 IPV/OPV◀	
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 MMR		2 MMR	
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b)	1-4 Hib◆●	Hib is required for children in child care only.		
HepB (hepatitis B)	3 HepB		3 HepB■	
HepA (hepatitis A)	2 HepA			
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 Varicella (2 nd dose recommended at KG entry)			

- ★ If the 4th dose of DTaP is administered on or after the child's 4th birthday, then the 5th dose DTaP is not required.
- ◆ The number of doses of PCV and/or Hib may range from 1 to 4 depending on the age of the child when the first dose was given.
- ◀ If the 3rd dose of IPV/OPV is administered on or after the child's 4th birthday and at least six months from the previous dose, then the 4th dose of IPV/OPV is not required.
- Children may be complete with 3 or 4 doses of Hib vaccine depending on the brand of vaccine used.
- Students 11 through 15 years of age who have not received HepB vaccine may receive a 2 dose series of Merck® Adult Hepatitis B vaccine to comply with this requirement. All other children (younger or older) must receive 3 doses of pediatric hepatitis B vaccine.
- The table above lists the vaccines that are required for children to attend childcare, preschool, and kindergarten through twelfth grade in Oklahoma. Additional vaccines may be recommended, but are not required. For example, a 2nd dose of varicella vaccine is recommended before entering kindergarten, but not required by Oklahoma law.
- **Children attending licensed childcare facilities must be up-to-date for their age for the vaccines listed in the "Childcare" column.** Refer to this web page for information on when doses are due for children attending childcare:
http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease_Prevention_Preparedness/Immunizations/Vaccines_for_Childcare/index.html.
- **Hib and PCV vaccines are not required for students in pre-school, pre-kindergarten, or kindergarten programs operated by schools unless the facility is a licensed child care facility. Hib and PCV vaccines are required for children attending licensed child care facilities.**
- Doses administered 4 days or less, before the minimum intervals or ages, are counted as valid doses.
- The first doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella, and hepatitis A vaccines must be administered on or after the child's first birthday (or within 4 days before the birthday) or they must be repeated.
- For doses given on or after Jan. 1, 2003, the 5th dose of DTaP must be given on or after the 4th birthday (or within 4 days before the 4th birthday). This rule does not apply to doses given before 2003.
- If a parent reports that their child had chickenpox disease, the child is not required to receive varicella vaccine. Record that the child had the disease.
- **It is not necessary to restart the series of any vaccine if a dose was given late or if a dose is past due. Longer than recommended intervals between doses do not affect final immunity.**
- **Children may be allowed to attend childcare and school if they have received at least one dose of all the required vaccines due for their age or grade and the next doses are not yet due, but they must complete the remaining doses of vaccine on schedule. These children are "in the process" of receiving immunizations.**

For more information call the Immunization Service at (405) 271-4073 or visit our website at: <http://imm.health.ok.gov>.

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