

Vaccines Required for School: Preschool -12th

August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026



	DTaP/Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Hepatitis B	Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B)	MMR (Measles, mumps rubella)	PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	Polio	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Preschool Age 19 months to <4 years on September 1st	4 doses DTaP	3 doses	3 or 4 doses** (depending on vaccine)	1 dose	4 doses**	3 doses	1 dose
Preschool/Kindergarten (including Transitional Kindergarten) Age =4* years on September 1st	5 doses DTaP**	3 doses	3 or 4 doses** (depending on vaccine) (Not required at age ≥ 5 years)	2 doses	4 doses** (Not required at age ≥ 5 years)	4 doses**	2 doses
Kindergarten through 6th Age ≥ 5 years on September 1st	5 doses DTaP**	3 doses	Not Required	2 doses	Not Required	4 doses**	2 doses
Grade 7 through 12	5 doses DTaP** Plus Tdap at age ≥ 10 years	3 doses	Not Required	2 doses	Not Required	4 doses**	2 doses

*Must have additional DTaP IPV, MMR, Varicella vaccine by the 1st day of school or within 30 days after 4th birthday, whichever is later.

**Vaccine doses may be acceptable with fewer than listed depending on when they were given.

See the Minimum Age and Interval Table on page 2 for required minimum age and spacing information of vaccine doses.

Find information on other vaccines that are recommended, but not required, for child care/preschool attendance at: www.immunize.org/cdc/schedules.

Review the Individual Vaccine Requirements Summary for more detailed information. Find it on our web page: www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI.

Vaccine	Dose #	Minimum Age	Minimum Interval* Between Doses	Notes
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	Dose 1	Birth	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	2 doses are acceptable if both doses are documented as adult doses of Recombivax HB* given at age 11 through 15 years. The doses must be separated by at least 4 months.
	Dose 2	4 weeks	8 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	24 weeks	16 weeks between dose 1 & 3	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP and Tdap)	Dose 1	6 weeks	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	A 6 month interval is recommended between dose 3 and dose 4, but a minimum interval of 4 months is acceptable. Dose 5 not needed if dose 4 on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after dose 3
	Dose 2	10 weeks	4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	6 months between dose 3 & 4	DTaP can be given to children through age 6. If catch-up doses are needed at age 7 and older, Tdap is used followed by additional doses of Tdap or Td if needed.
	Dose 4	12 months	6 months between dose 4 & 5	
	Dose 5	4 years	—	A Tdap booster dose is required for all students in grades 7-12.
	Tdap Booster	10 years	—	
Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)	Dose 1	6 weeks	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	If all 3 doses of PedvaxHIB given, only need 3 doses total. Dose 3 must be \geq 12 months of age. Vaccine doses may be acceptable with fewer than listed depending on when they were given. Review the Individual Vaccine Requirements Summary for minimum doses required: https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI page 12. Age \geq 5 years: Not required because not routinely given to children age 5 years and older.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	8 weeks between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months	—	
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13, PCV15 or PCV20)	Dose 1	6 weeks	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	Vaccine doses may be acceptable with fewer than listed depending on when they were given. Review the Individual Vaccine Requirements Summary for minimum doses required: https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI page 17. Age \geq 5 years: Not required because not routinely given to children age 5 years and older.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	8 weeks between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months	—	
Polio (IPV or OPV)	Dose 1	6 weeks	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	Polio vaccine is required for all students, even those 18+ years old Dose 4 not needed if dose 3 on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after dose 2. OPV given on or after 04/01/16 cannot be accepted as a valid dose in the series.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	6 months between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	4 years	—	
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMRV)	Dose 1	12 months	4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	MMRV (MMR + Varicella) may be used in place of separate MMR and varicella vaccines. Must be given the same day as varicella OR at least 28 days apart, also see* footnote.
	Dose 2	13 months	—	
Varicella (Chickenpox) (VAR or MMRV)	Dose 1	12 months	3 months between dose 1 & 2 (12 months through 12 years). 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2 (13 years and older)	Recommended: 3 months between varicella doses, but at least 28 days minimum interval is acceptable. Must be given the same day as MMR OR at least 28 days apart, see* footnote. Healthcare provider verification of disease history is acceptable to document immunity.
	Dose 2	15 months	—	

*The 4 day grace period can be applied to all doses except between two doses of different live vaccines (such as MMR, MMRV, varicella, and Flumist).

See the Individual Vaccine Requirements Summary for more details about the schedules. Visit: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/SCCI>

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