

# GUIDE TO THE IDAHO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR Parents of Children Attending Licensed Childcare Facilities



## Why Your Child Needs Shots

Children must meet immunization requirements as stated in Idaho law ([39-1118](#)) to attend licensed childcare facilities. To meet legal requirements, a record with evidence that children are up-to-date on immunizations (shots), or a valid immunization exemption, must be provided and kept on file. When children are in group settings, there is the potential for the spread of infectious diseases. Diseases like chickenpox, measles, and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter childcare.

## What You Need to Provide

You will need to present immunization documentation to the childcare facility operator within 14 days of initial attendance. This may include your child’s immunization record, an exemption ([39-1118](#)), or both. The immunization record must show the date (month, day, and year) your child was given each required shot. If you do not have an immunization record, or your child has not received all required shots, call your health care provider or local public health agency for an appointment.

## Required Shots for Childcare

Review your child’s immunization record to make sure you have a date for each shot required for childcare. Please note most children need booster shots before starting kindergarten. For more information, please reference [IDAPA 16.02.11](#).

Age to Obtain Required Doses	REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILDCARE ATTENDANCE   All doses must meet the minimum ages and intervals. Number of doses of Hib and Rotavirus required depends on vaccine brand type.										
	DTaP <sup>1</sup>	Polio <sup>2</sup>	MMR	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) <sup>3</sup>		Hepatitis B <sup>4</sup>	Varicella	Hepatitis A	Pneumococcal <sup>5</sup>	Rotavirus <sup>6</sup>	
				Act-Hib	Pedvax Hib					Rotarix (RV1)	RotaTeq (RV5)
3 months	1	1		1	1	1			1	1	1
5 months	2	2		2	2	2			2	2	2
7 months	3			3					3		3
16 months			1	4	3		1	1	4		
19 months	4	3				3					
2 years								2			
7 years	5	4	2				2				

1. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older. Tdap recommended for children 7 years and older.
2. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3rd dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Hib: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older.
4. Hepatitis B: The use of combination vaccines may result in an extra (4th) required dose of Hepatitis B.
5. Pneumococcal: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older.
6. Rotavirus: Vaccination should not be initiated for infants aged 15 weeks 0 days or older. The maximum age for the final dose is 8 months 0 days.

If your child recently received immunizations and needs an immunization later in the year to meet requirements, they may attend, provided you complete the [Schedule of Intended Immunizations Form](#), or one similar, and get the remaining doses when they are due. If you would like to exempt ([39-1118](#)) your child from immunization requirements, you may complete a form provided by the childcare facility or provide a signed written statement that includes the name of the child, the child’s birthdate, and vaccines they are exempt from. For a medical exemption, you must provide a certification signed by a licensed physician attesting the child cannot be vaccinated due to a medical condition.