



Parents of Children Attending Licensed Childcare Facilities

Why Your Child Needs Shots

Children must meet immunization requirements as stated in Idaho law 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, 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 doctor or local health department now 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.

SUMMARY OF CHILDCARE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS											
Age-Deadline to Obtain Required Doses	Required Immunizations for Childcare Attendance										
	All doses must meet minimum ages and intervals (Number of doses of Hib and Rotavirus required depends on vaccine brand type.)										
	DTaP ¹	Polio ²	MMR	Hep B	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) ³		Varicella	Hep A	Pneumococcal ⁴	Rotavirus ⁵	
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.
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. At least one dose of polio should be given at age 4 years or older.
3. Hib: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older.
4. Pneumococcal: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older. Children aged 14 through 59 months who received a completed 4-dose or other age-appropriate series of PCV7, must also receive a supplemental dose of PCV13.
5. 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.

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 and get the remaining doses when they become due. If you would like to exempt your child from immunization requirements for medical, religious, or other reasons, you may complete a form provided by the childcare facility or provide a signed written statement that includes the name of the child, birthdate, and type of exemption being claimed (religious or other). For a medical exemption, you must

provide a certification signed by a licensed physician stating the medical reason the child cannot be immunized.

Reference

Section 39-1118, Idaho Code; Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (Administrative Code), IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 11 “Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Licensed Daycare Facilities in Idaho.”
