



Parents of Children Attending Licensed Childcare Facilities

Why Your Child Needs Shots

Children must be in compliance with Idaho Immunization Laws in order to attend licensed childcare facilities. To be compliant, children must be up-to-date on immunizations (shots) or have a valid exemption form on file. Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a 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 form, 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 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, he/she can be allowed to attend, provided you complete the Conditional Attendance form and get the remaining doses when they become due.

If your child is not fully immunized due to medical, religious, or other reasons, the childcare facility operator can direct you on where to find a state exemption form.

Reference

Section 39-1118, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 11 “Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Licensed Daycare Facilities in Idaho.”