

State of California Immunization Requirements For School and Child Care

According to The California Code of Regulations[^], children must have a minimum number of immunizations (shots) before they can attend school or child care. The child's immunization record may contain more immunizations than are shown below. This chart shows the vaccines required to enter/attend school or child care. Please consult with your medical provider for more information on all shots a child may need to stay healthy.

Child's age:	List of shots required to attend school or child care:
2 - 3 months	1 Polio, 1 DTaP, 1 Hib, 1 Hep B
4 - 5 months	2 Polio, 2 DTaP, 2 Hib, 2 Hep B
6 - 14 months	2 Polio 3 DTaP 2 Hib, 2 Hep B
15 - 17 months	3 Polio, 3 DTaP 1 Hib must be given on or after the first birthday* 1 MMR must be given on or after the first birthday* 2 Hep B
18 months - 5 years	3 Polio 4 DTaP 1 Hib must be given on or after the first birthday* 1 MMR must be given on or after the first birthday* 3 Hep B 1 Varicella ¹
Kindergarten	4 Polio ² 5 DtaP ³ 2 MMR both must be given on or after the first birthday* 3 Hep B 1 Varicella ¹
7th Grade	4 Polio ⁴ 4 DTaP, DTP, Td, or DT ⁵ 2 MMR both must be given on or after the first birthday* 3 Hep B ⁶ 1 Varicella ^{**1} [1 Td booster ⁷]

[^]Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Article 5, Section 6065

* Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the first birthday will satisfy the school and child care entry immunization requirement. This is known as "the four day grace period."

**Required for children not enrolled in California schools before July 1, 2001 – applies to all kindergarten entrants plus out-of-state entrants into grades 1-12. 1 dose of varicella vaccine required if immunized before age 13; 2 doses needed if vaccine received after the 13th birthday.

¹ Physician-documented varicella (chickenpox) disease history on immunization record also meets the varicella requirement.

² 3 doses meet the requirement for ages 4 - 6 years if at least 1 was given on or after the fourth* birthday.

³ 4 doses meet the requirement for ages 4 - 6 years if at least 1 was given on or after the fourth* birthday.

⁴ 3 doses meet the requirement for ages 7 - 17 years if at least 1 was given on or after the second* birthday.

⁵ 4 doses meet the requirement for ages 7 - 17 years if at least 1 was given on or after the second* birthday.

⁶ 2 doses of adult (Recombivax) formulation hepatitis B vaccine along with provider documentation that the adult formulation hepatitis B vaccine was used for BOTH doses (and both doses were received at ages 11-15 years) will also fulfill the 7th grade requirement.

⁷ 1 Td booster is recommended but not required.

California Immunization Law allows for exemptions from the immunization requirements for personal beliefs or medical reasons. Ask the school or your child care provider for details.

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For more information: www.immunization-sd.org

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