



FOR CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS AND PARENTS: CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



NJ Department of Health  
Vaccine Preventable Disease Program

New Jersey Minimum Immunization Requirements for Child Care/Preschool Attendance  
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School

Listed in the chart below are the minimum required number of doses your child must have in order to enroll/attend a child care/preschool facility in NJ. Additional vaccines are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), but only the following are required for child care/preschool attendance in NJ. For the complete ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

At this age the child should have received the following vaccines:	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19 months	20-59 months
Diphtheria, tetanus & acellular pertussis (DTaP)	Dose #1	Dose #2	Dose #3			Dose #4		
Inactivated Poliovirus (Polio)	Dose #1	Dose #2				Dose#3		
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)	Dose #1	Dose #2		1-4 doses* (see footnote)		At least 1 dose given on or after the first birthday		
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV 13)	Dose #1	Dose #2		1-4 doses* (see footnote)	At least 1 dose given on or after the first birthday			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)					Dose #1 <sup>†</sup>			
Varicella (VAR)							Dose #1 <sup>§</sup>	
Influenza (IIV; LAIV)					One dose due each year <sup>¶</sup>			

**Interpretation:** Children need to receive the minimum number of age-appropriate vaccines prior to entering child care/preschool. For example, a child 2 months of age, must have 1 dose each of DTaP, Polio, Hib, and PCV before being permitted to enter child care/preschool. A child entering at a younger age range than listed above must have proof of receiving vaccines in the previous age bracket. Example: A child entering child care/preschool at 11 months of age, would need at least the following: 3 DTaP, 2 Polio, 2 Hib, and 2 PCV. The current seasonal flu vaccine is required every year by December 31 for children 6-59 months of age.