

Child Care Attendance

Children attending child care must be immunized age-appropriately. Vaccinations given earlier than the routine ages are valid for state immunization requirements if they meet the acceptable minimum age and dose intervals published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as the Catch-Up Schedule. The schedule below shows the required doses for immunization at the ages shown:

Age of Child	Number of Doses
2-3 months	1 DTP/DtaP/DT, 1 Polio, 1 Hib
4-5 months	2 DTP/DtaP/DT, 2 Polio, 2 Hib
6-11 months	3 DTP/DtaP/DT, 2 Polio, 3 Hib
12-15 months	4 Hib*, and 1 MMR given on or after the first birthday
12-18 months	4 DTP/DtaP/DT, 3 Polio, and 1 Varicella
4-6 years	4 or more DTP/DtaP/DT, 4 Polio, 4 Hib*, 1 Varicella, and 2 MMR given on or after the first birthday

*If child starts Hib at 15 months through 4 years of age, give just one dose of Hib vaccine.

Suspension of Hib Vaccine Requirement (January 2008 to Present)

Effective January 2008, until further notice, the requirement for vaccination against *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (“Hib”) to attend child care is suspended as a result of an ongoing nationwide Hib vaccine shortage. During the shortage, the CDC recommends deferral of the 12-15 month booster dose of Hib vaccine for all healthy children: all doses of the primary series (the doses given before the first birthday) remain strongly recommended.

School Attendance (K-12)

DTP/DtaP/DT

4 or more doses, one of which must be given on or after the fourth birthday. If starting series at age seven or older, only three doses are required.

Polio (OPV/IPV)

4 doses of OPV or IPV. If the 3rd dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, the 4th dose is not required. However, if a combination of IPV/OPV (2IPV/2OPV) is used, all 4 doses are needed regardless of age.

MMR

2 doses, given on or after the first birthday required, for entrance into grades K, 4, 8 and 12. The second dose should be administered at least 30 days following the first dose. Beginning with the start of the 2001 school year, all students K-12 must have two doses of MMR.

Hepatitis B

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine are required for entry into Kindergarten and 2 or 3 doses (depending on the type of vaccine given) for entry into 7th grade.

Varicella

1 dose given on or after the first birthday for entrance into kindergarten; a parent or physician diagnosed history of disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccine for purposes of the requirement.

College

Two doses of MMR are required for full-time students attending college in Tennessee if they were born after 1957. Parents and students should also consider the need for the meningococcal vaccine, particularly if the student will be living in a dormitory.