

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL



**Requirements by Age at Entry and Later** (Follow-up is required at every age checkpoint after entry.)

Vaccine	2–3 Months	4–5 Months	6–14 Months	15–17 Months	18 Months–5 Years
<b>Polio (OPV or IPV)</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>4 doses</b>
<b>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)</b>				<b>1 dose</b> on or after the 1st birthday	<b>1 dose</b> on or after the 1st birthday
<b>Hib</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>1 dose</b> on or after the 1st birthday	<b>1 dose</b> on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months.)
<b>Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)</b>	<b>1 dose</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>2 doses</b>	<b>3 doses</b>
<b>Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)</b>					<b>1 dose</b>

## WHY YOUR CHILD NEEDS SHOTS:

The California School Immunization Law requires that children be up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) to attend a child care, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center.

Diseases like measles spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter. Staff will check your child's Immunization Records before they start and later, at ages listed above.

## THE LAW:

Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380; California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR ADMISSION:

To attend a child-care facility, your child's Immunization Record must show the date for each required shot above. If you do not have an Immunization Record, or your child has not received all required shots, call your doctor now for an appointment.

If a licensed physician determines a vaccine should not be given to your child because of medical reasons, submit a written statement from the physician for a **medical exemption** for the missing shot(s), including the duration of the medical exemption.

A personal beliefs exemption is no longer an option for entry into child care; however a valid personal beliefs exemption filed with a child-care facility before January 1, 2016 is valid until entry into the next grade span (transitional kindergarten through 6th grade) and may be transferred between child-care facilities in California. For complete details, visit [ShotsforSchool.org](http://ShotsforSchool.org).

You must also submit an immunization record for all required shots not exempted.

Questions? Visit [ShotsForSchool.org](http://ShotsForSchool.org) or contact your local health department ([bit.do/immunization](http://bit.do/immunization)).