

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE



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
Polio (OPV or IPV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP or DTP)	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)				1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday
Hib	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (only required for children less than 4 years, 6 months.)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR or VZV)					1 dose

## 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 and whooping cough (pertussis) 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 AT REGISTRATION:

Bring your child's Immunization Record. The 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).

Until 2016, if a vaccine is contrary to your **personal beliefs**, you may submit form CDPH 8262 for the missing shot(s). The form must include signatures by both a parent and authorized health care practitioner. For details, see: [www.shotsforschool.org/laws/faqspe](http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/faqspe).

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)).