

ARIZONA GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

Child Care, Preschool, or Head Start (School year 2023-2024)



- Requirements are shown below as stated in [Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-702](#), Table 7.1 and Table 7.2
- Please review the [Arizona Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs](#) along with the [Vaccine Catch-Up Flowcharts & FAQs](#) for further information and details about immunization requirements and exemptions.
- Vaccines must follow ACIP minimum intervals and ages to be valid. See pages 2-3 for minimum interval and catch-up schedule information.
- The 4-day grace period only applies to vaccine-administration minimum age and interval. Refer to the Handbook for questions.

Vaccine	2-3 months	4-5 months	6-11 months	12-14 months	15-17 months	18 months – 59 months
HepB Hepatitis B	1 dose (May get dose 1 at birth and dose 2 as early as 1 month of age)	2 doses	2 doses (May receive dose 3 as early as 6 months)	3 doses (Final dose must be given at 24 weeks of age or older)	3 doses	3 documented doses (Final dose must be given at 24 weeks of age or older)
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	4 doses	4 documented doses
Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	1 dose	2 doses	2-3 doses	2-3 doses (A Hib dose at/after 12 months is required for all children under 5 years)	3-4 doses (or 1 dose at or after 15 months of age)	3-4 documented doses OR 1 dose at or after 15 months of age
Polio IPV	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 documented doses
MMR Measles, Mumps and Rubella	Not given before 12 months of age			1 dose	1 dose	1 documented dose
VAR Varicella (chickenpox)	Not given before 12 months of age			1 dose	1 dose	1 documented dose
HepA Hepatitis A	Not given before 12 months of age The Hepatitis A vaccine series (2 doses) is REQUIRED in Maricopa County for children 1-5 years of age but is recommended in all other counties.			1 dose	1 dose	2 documented doses

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- A child who is missing vaccines required for their age must get a dose of needed vaccines within 15 days of enrollment; after 15 days the child may not attend without documentation that the child has received the required vaccinations or started the series.

Vaccine	Dose #	Minimum Age	Minimum Interval Between Doses	Notes
HepB Hepatitis B	Dose 1	Birth	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final dose of HepB vaccine must be given at 24 weeks of age or older. If HepB dose 3 was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is required. • Some children may receive a birth dose and then a combination vaccine resulting in a total of 4 (or more) doses. As long as the minimum intervals between doses and receipt of final dose at 24 weeks of age or older are met, 4+ doses meet the requirement.
	Dose 2	4 weeks	At least 8 weeks between dose 2 & 3 (or final)	
	Dose 3	24 weeks	At least 16 weeks between dose 1 & 3 (or final) AND at/after 24 weeks of age	
DTaP Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child may receive a dose of DTaP at or after 4 years of age; although not required for attendance in child care/preschool, this dose is usually given in preparation for attendance in kindergarten. Minimum age for final dose is 4 years of age and at least 6 months since previous dose.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 6 months between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months	-	
Hib <i>Haemophilus Influenzae</i> type b	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all 3 doses given are PedvaxHib, only 3 total doses are needed; dose 3 must be at or after 12 months of age. • A Hib dose at or after 12 months is required for all children under 5 years of age. • Only one dose is required if the first/only dose is given at or after 15 months of age. • Hib is not given after 5 years of age unless the child has a medical condition.
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 8 weeks between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	12 months		
Polio IPV or OPV	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 3 doses are required for kindergarten entry if the 3rd dose was received at or after the child's 4th birthday and at least six months after the 2nd dose. • OPV given prior to April 1, 2016 will be presumed to be trivalent and therefore acceptable, regardless of country of administration. Any OPV doses administered on or after April 1, 2016 are presumed to be bivalent and therefore unacceptable. (The U.S. currently does not give anything other than IPV (inactivated polio vaccine) whereas some foreign countries still give the OPV (oral polio vaccine)).
	Dose 2	10 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 2 & 3	
	Dose 3	14 weeks	At least 6 months between dose 3 & 4	
	Dose 4	4 years		

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MMR Measles, Mumps and Rubella	Dose 1	12 months	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If MMR dose 1 was given more than 4 days before the 1st birthday, another dose is required. • Must get the same day as varicella OR at least 28 days apart (this rule also applies to live nasal influenza doses).
	Dose 2	13 months		
VAR Varicella (chickenpox)	Dose 1	12 months		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If varicella dose 1 was given more than 4 days before the 1st birthday, another dose is required. • Must get the same day as MMR OR at least 28 days apart (this rule also applies to live nasal influenza doses).
HepA Hepatitis A	Dose 1	12 months	At least 6 months between dose 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If HepA dose 1 was given more than 4 days before the 1st birthday, another dose is required. • Children 1 – 5 years of age are required to obtain dose 1 within 15 days of enrollment in child care, preschool or Head Start. Dose 2 is due 6 months after dose 1.
	Dose 2	18 months		