CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

Child Care

REFERENCE

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

INSTRUCTIONS

To attend child care, children must have immunizations outlined below by age. Parents must present their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. Copy the full date of each shot onto the blue California School Immunization Record card and then determine if the child is up-to-date. Blue cards are available free from the Immunization Coordinator at your local health department. As the child care provider, it is your responsibility to follow up regularly until all shots are finished.

IMMUNIZATIONS (SHOTS) REQUIRED TO ATTEND CHILD CARE, BY AGE

Age When Enrolling	Immunizations (Shots) Required
2–3 months	1 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
4–5 months	2 each of Polio, DTaP, Hib, Hep B
6–14 months	3 DTaP 2 each of Polio, Hib, Hep B
15–17 months	3 each of Polio, DTaP 2 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday[1] 1 Hib, on or after the first birthday[1, 3]
18 months–5 years	3 Polio 4 DTaP 3 Hep B 1 MMR, on or after the first birthday[1] 1 Hib, on or after the first birthday[1, 3] 1 Varicella (chickenpox)[2]

Vaccines

DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis combined vaccine. Record may show DT or DTP.

Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine; required only for children up to age 4 years, 6 months.

MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella combined vaccine.

Hep B: Hepatitis B vaccine.

Varicella: Chickenpox vaccine.

You may admit a child who is lacking one or more required vaccine doses if the dose(s) is not currently due **on the condition** that they receive the remaining dose(s) when due, according to the schedule above. You will need to review records to make sure this occurs. If the maximum time interval between doses has passed, the child cannot be admitted until the next immunization is obtained.

[1] Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the child care entry immunization requirement.

[2] If a child had chickenpox disease and this is indicated on the Immunization Record by the child's physician, they meet the requirement. Write "disease" in the chickenpox date box on the blue card.

[3] Required only for children who have not reached the age of 4 years 6 months.

WHEN NEXT SHOTS ARE DUE

Polio #2	6–10 weeks after 1st dose
Polio #3	6 weeks–12 months after 2nd dose
DTP or DTaP #2, #3	4–8 weeks after previous dose
Hib #2	2–3 months after 1st dose
DTP or DTaP #4	6–12 months after 3rd dose
Hep B #2	1–2 months after 1st dose
Hep B #3	Under age 18 months: 2–12 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose Age 18 months and older: 2–6 months after 2nd dose and at least 4 months after 1st dose

EXEMPTIONS

The law allows (a) parents/guardians to choose exemptions from immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, and (b) physicians of children to choose medical exemptions from them. The law does not allow parents/guardians to choose an exemption simply because the "shot" record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to get to a physician or clinic to correct the problem. The back of the blue California School Immunization Record has instructions and an affidavit to be signed by parents who want a personal beliefs exemption. An up-to-date list of children with exemptions should be maintained separately by the child care staff so that these children can be quickly identified and excluded from attendance if an outbreak occurs.