

Vaccine Requirements for Attending Child Care Facilities, Pre-Schools and Schools in Tennessee*

Recommended Schedule of Required Doses for Attendance in Child Care / Pre-School / Pre-K and School

For Children Who Started Immunizations Before Age 7 Years**

Required Vaccines with footnote numbers in []	2 Months of Age	4 Months of Age	6 Months of Age	12-15 Months of Age	16-18** Months of Age	4-6 Yrs.* (School Entry)	Total Doses Required**** For Assessment of Complete For School Attendance on Immunization Certificate
[1] Hib HbOC or	1	2	3	4			N/A for school (See Footnote [1])
[1] Hib PRP-T or	1	2	3	4			N/A for school (See Footnote [1])
[1] Hib PRP-OMP	1	2		3			N/A for school (See Footnote [1])
[2] PCV	1	2	3	4			N/A for school (See Footnote [2])
[3] DTP, DTaP, DT	1	2	3	4	5		5 or 4 (See Footnote [3])
[4] Polio	1	2		3		4	5, 4 or 3 (See Footnote [4])
[5] Hepatitis B	1	2		3			3 (See Footnote [5])
[6] Hepatitis A					1	2	2 (See Footnote [6])
[7] MMR				1		2	2 (See Footnote [7])
[8] Varicella				1		2	2 (See Footnote [8])
[9] Tdap							1 (7th grade only)

*These requirements were established in accordance with the current Recommended Childhood and Catch-up Immunization Schedules, United States (cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html). Tennessee requirements for Kindergarten (5 years) include doses indicated for 4-6 years.

**Certificates marked "Up to Date for Child Care Entry and <18 Months of Age" expire at 19 months of age. Parent/Guardian must provide an up-to-date certificate indicating "Complete for Child Care/ Pre-school" by or before 19 months of age.

***For children starting immunizations at age 7 years or older, refer to the CDC/ACIP catch-up schedule available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>

****Children who are behind schedule may attend while in the process of completing the requirements with minimum intervals as indicated below.

Minimum Ages For Initial Immunization And Minimum Intervals Between Doses

Vaccine	Minimum Age For First Dose	Minimum interval from dose 1 to 2	Minimum interval from dose 2 to 3	Minimum interval from dose 3 to 4	Minimum interval from dose 4 to 5
[1] Hib (Primary Series)					
HbOC & PRP-T	6 weeks	28 Days	28 Days	See Footnote [1]	N/A
PRP-OMP	6 weeks	28 Days	See Footnote [1]	N/A	N/A
[2] PCV	6 weeks	28 Days	28 Days	See Footnote [2]	N/A
[3] DTP/DTaP (DT)	6 weeks	28 Days	28 Days	6 months	See Footnote [3]
[4] Polio	6 weeks	28 Days	28 Days	See Footnote [4]	See Footnote [4]
[5] Hepatitis B	birth	28 Days	See Footnote [5]	N/A	N/A
[6] Hepatitis A	12 months	6 months			
[7] MMR	12 months	28 Days	N/A	N/A	N/A
[8] Varicella	12 months	3 months [8]	N/A	N/A	N/A
[9] Tdap	See Footnote [9]				

Do not restart any series, no matter how long since the previous dose. Doses given up to 4 days before the minimum age or the minimum interval may be counted as valid.

Two different live vaccines must be given on the same day or spaced at least 28 days apart. The 4-day "grace period" does not apply to the 28-day interval between live vaccines not administered at the same visit.

For purposes of vaccine spacing: For intervals less than 4 months, 28 days = one "month" (1 month=4 weeks=28 days). For intervals of 4 months or longer, a "month" is a "calendar month." Ex: Six months from January 1 is July 1.

Footnotes

- [1] The number of doses of Hib depends on age at 1st dose and brand of vaccine given. The last dose in the series necessary to meet requirements, whether 3rd or 4th, should be given at least 2 months after the previous dose and not before 12 months of age. One dose is sufficient to meet requirements if it is given at age 15 months or later. Hib is required for children younger than 5 years attending child care facilities. Hib is not required for kindergarten or higher grades and is not indicated for children who have reached the 5th birthday. If given on schedule, PRP-T and HbOC have a 3 dose primary series and a booster after age 12 months. PRP-OMP has a 2- dose primary schedule and a booster after 12 months. Providers are responsible for verifying that the child meets the appropriate schedule for the brand used.
- [2] The number of doses in the PCV series depends on age at 1st dose. Children who receive 3 doses before 12 months of age require a 4th dose after the 1st birthday. One dose is required after 12 months of age for all children aged 24-59 months with an incomplete schedule. The final dose should be given at least 8 weeks after the previous dose and not before 12 months of age. Consult the Catch Up schedule for additional guidance.
- [3] The minimum interval between the 4th and 5th doses is 6 months: dose 4 may be given as early as 12 months, but typically is given at age 15-18 months. One dose of DTP/DTaP/DT must be on or after the 4th birthday. If the 4th dose was on or after the 4th birthday, the 5th dose is not needed. The 4th dose should be administered a minimum of 6 months after the 3rd dose. However, the 4th dose does not need to be repeated if administered ≥ 4 months after dose 3. Total doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids should not exceed 6 before the 7th birthday.
- [4] The final dose of the polio vaccine series must be given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose. If 4 doses are administered before the 4th birthday, a 5th dose should be given on or after the 4th birthday. If the 3rd dose of an all IPV or all OPV series is given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the 2nd dose, a 4th dose is not needed.
- [5] The 3rd valid dose of hepatitis B vaccine must be at least 4 months after dose 1 and 2 months after dose 2 and not before 24 weeks of age. If the 3rd dose given is not valid for all criteria, a 4th dose is necessary.
- [6] One dose of hepatitis A vaccine is required for all children in child care aged 18 months or greater. The recommended schedule is for two doses, 6 to 18 months apart, beginning at one year of age. Proof of two doses, at least 6 months apart, is required for Kindergarten entry. Hepatitis A vaccine is not required for entry in older school grades.
- [7] The MMR requirement is 2 doses of measles vaccine, 2 doses of mumps vaccine and 2 doses of rubella vaccine, in combination or separately. Dose 2 of MMR is routinely given at 4-6 years, but may be given as soon as 28 days after dose 1.
- [8] The varicella requirement is for 2 doses of varicella vaccine or history of disease for all students entering Kindergarten, and new entrants into a Tennessee school in any other grade. The second dose is recommended 3 or more months after the first dose, routinely at age 4-6 years; in keeping with CDC guidance, the second dose is acceptable if given at least 4 weeks after the first dose.
- [9] A single dose of Tdap is required for 7th grade entry. Tdap meets the requirement if given any time after the 7th birthday. If Tdap is needed, it may be given regardless of interval since last Td.