ARIZONA GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
Child Care, Preschool, or Head Start - School Year 2026-2027

- 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 details about immunization requirements and exemptions.
- Vaccines must follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (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 the vaccine-administration minimum age and interval.

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**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**	**3 doses**	**3 doses**	**3 documented doses**
DTaP Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**3 doses**	**3 doses**	**4 doses**	**4 documented doses**
Hib *Haemophilus Influenzae* type b	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**2-3 doses**	**2-3 doses**	**3-4 doses**	**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, unless traveling. Infants under 12 months old who are traveling may receive a dose at 6 through 11 months; however, it is considered dose 0. The child must follow the recommended schedule and receive an additional dose at 12 through 15 months.			**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 is REQUIRED in Maricopa County for children 1-5 years of age and is recommended in all other counties.			**1 dose**	**1 dose**	**2 documented doses**

Minimum Interval/Catch-Up Guidance

A child who is missing vaccines required for their age must receive a dose of the 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 has 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	• The 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	• 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. The minimum age for the final dose is 4 years of age and at least 6 months since the 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 *Haemophilus Influenzae* type b	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	• 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	Dose 1	6 weeks	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	• 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 doses administered on or after April 1, 2016, are presumed to be bivalent and therefore unacceptable.
	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 *6 months, if traveling, is considered dose 0	At least 4 weeks between dose 1 & 2	• The first dose is routinely given at 12-15 months. • If traveling to an endemic area, CDC recommends an early dose beginning at 6 months of age. Another dose will need to be administered between 12-15 months, at least 28 days after the initial dose. Refer to Plan for Travel | Measles (Rubeola) | CDC.
	Dose 2	13 months		
VAR Varicella (chickenpox)	Dose 1	12 months		
HepA Hepatitis A	Dose 1	12 months	At least 6 months between dose 1 & 2	• 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 with a minimum interval of 6 months after dose 1.
	Dose 2	18 months		