



Immunization Requirements for Children in Day Care

| Vaccine Type | Vaccine doses (shots) required by: | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 5 - 15 months | 16 - 23 months | 2 - 4 years | K-5 entrance |
| DTP/DTaP/DT | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Polio (IPV) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| MMR | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hepatitis B | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Hib | 2 | 3 | 3 | |
| Pneumo (PCV) | 2 | 3 | 3 | |
| Varicella | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Immunization Requirements for Children in School

| Vaccine Type | Vaccine doses (shots) required by: | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Grade K4 | Grades K5 - 5 | Grades 6 - 12 |
| DTP/DTaP/DT/Td | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Tdap | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Polio | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| MMR | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Hepatitis B | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Varicella | 1 | 2 | 2 |

Access to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry

Schools may obtain special permission to access the Wisconsin Immunization Registry in order to obtain or update their students' shot records. To learn more, contact the WIR Help Desk at (608) 266-9691.

Where can I find more information?

- City of Milwaukee Health Department Immunization Program at 414-286-8034
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Immunization Program at 414-227-3995
- For further details on immunization requirements for day care facilities and schools, go to <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/reqs.htm>
- Wisconsin Immunization Registry: <http://dhfswir.org>



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Information for Day Care Facilities and Schools

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What is the purpose of immunization requirements?

Immunizations are important for maintaining a safe and healthy day care or school. Vaccines (shots) protect children from getting and spreading dangerous diseases. In previous years, thousands of children in Wisconsin have gotten sick from vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, pertussis (whooping cough), and mumps. These diseases can be easily prevented with vaccinations.

What is the likelihood of an outbreak in Wisconsin?

Vaccine-preventable diseases still occur worldwide and kill more than one million children each year. In the last decade, there have been outbreaks of pertussis, measles, and mumps in Wisconsin. Outbreaks can occur anywhere, especially when immunization rates are low.

If an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease occurs, the local health department may order your day care facility or school to exclude children who are not fully immunized until the outbreak subsides.

Do these requirements apply to my facility?

If you are a licensed day care center with enrolled children, the state's immunization requirements apply to your facility.

Immunization requirements apply to any public or private elementary, middle, junior or senior high school, K4/K5 through 12th grade.



As a day care or school, what am I required to do?

1. Keep each child's immunization history on file and any waiver forms submitted.
2. Regularly update immunization histories with information supplied by the local health department, parents, or healthcare providers.
3. Notify parents when children do not meet the immunization requirements for their age or grade level according to state guidelines.
4. If the parent(s) do not comply with the immunization law, then their child should be excluded from school. Students in public schools should not be excluded for more than 10 school days.
5. Day cares and schools must submit a yearly report to their local health department. For day care facilities, State of Wisconsin Form F-44091A is due in November of each year. For schools, Form F-04002 is due on the 40th school day. These forms can be downloaded at:
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/index.htm>
6. The school or day care facility should report to the District Attorney any child who fails to present evidence of completed immunizations or a written waiver within 60 school days after the start of the school year or admission to daycare.

What about immunization waivers?

The Wisconsin Immunization Law allows parents to waive an immunization by signing a waiver objecting to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. **Day care facilities and schools SHOULD NOT encourage parents to use waivers other than for legitimate health reasons.** Allowing an un-immunized child into your center or school puts that child and other children at risk for contracting vaccine-preventable diseases.

What are the exceptions to the required vaccinations?

For day care facilities:

1. **PCV:** Children who received their first dose of PCV at 24 months of age do not need more doses.

For schools:

1. **DTaP:** Students who received the 4th dose of DTaP after they turn age 4 do not need a 5th dose.
2. **Tdap:** For students entering a grade where Tdap is required, the Tdap shot can be delayed if they received any tetanus-containing vaccine in the previous 5 years
3. **IPV (Polio):** Students must receive at least one dose of IPV after they turn age 4.
4. **Exceptions to the requirements for Varicella vaccine:** Students who have had chickenpox are not required to receive the varicella vaccine.

