

**GUIDE TO ARIZONA IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**

# **Child Care or Preschool (birth – 5 years)**

Requirements by age at entry and on a continuing review status. Vaccines must follow minimum intervals and ages to be valid. A 4-day grace period applies in most situations.

Vaccine	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	12 Months	15 Months	18+ Months
<b>Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)</b>	<b>Hep B 1*</b> (see pg. 2)	<b>Hep B 2</b>	<b>Hep B 3</b> (received at 24 weeks of age or older and by 12 mos of age )		<b>Documented 3 or 4 doses</b> Note: If Hep B #3 was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4 <sup>th</sup> dose is needed.	

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The laws and rules governing child care and preschool immunization requirements are Arizona Revised Statutes §15-884; and Arizona Administrative Code, R9-5-305 & R9-6-701–708. Please review the child care requirements in Table 7.1 and “catch-up” schedule in Table 7.2, located in R9-6-701-708.

Students must have proof of all required immunizations in order to attend child care or preschool. Parental recall or verbal history of any disease is not accepted; therefore these students must submit an ADHS medical exemption form. **Specifically with varicella (chickenpox), measles, or rubella disease a medical exemption with attached laboratory evidence of immunity is required.**

A child who is missing vaccines required for his age can start child care but must get a dose of each vaccine due within 15 days of enrollment and bring a copy of the immunization record completed by the clinic to the child care facility. **After 15 days, the child may not attend child care without documentation that the child has received the required vaccinations.**

Arizona law allows child care immunization exemptions for medical reasons, lab evidence of immunity, and religious beliefs. For further information and guidance please review the [Arizona Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs](#) along with [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

### Additional Information on vaccine requirements:

**Hep B:** \*Hep B dose #1 is required for babies 0-2 months attending child care. Minimum intervals for valid doses are as follows: The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is due at least than 4 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose; the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is due at least 8 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and at least 16 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. The final dose of hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) must be at or after 24 weeks of age. If Hep B 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4<sup>th</sup> dose is needed.

**DTaP:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is due 4 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose; the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is due 4 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose; the 4<sup>th</sup> dose is due 6 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose.

**Hib:** If child is 7-14 months of age, doses are given 2 months apart. If child is at least 15 months old and less than 5 years, a single dose is needed to catch up. A Hib dose at/after 12 months is required for all children under 5 years.

\*\*If Pedvax Hib is used for the first two doses, only 3 total doses are needed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of Hib is not due until 12-15 months of age.

**Poliomyelitis (Polio):** The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is due 4 weeks after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose; the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is due 4 weeks after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. If the child is 4+ years of age, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Polio may qualify as the child's final dose, but must have a 6 month interval between the last two Polio doses.

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). OPV given prior to April 1,