

Provider's Quick Reference on Minnesota's Immunization Laws

To ensure Minnesotans receive correct and timely vaccinations, providers are encouraged to enroll in the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC). MIIC is a confidential immunization information system that combines the vaccinations a patient has received into a single record, even if they were given at different clinics in the state.

Immunizations Required for Licensed Child Care Facilities, Early Childhood Programs, and School Grades K - 12

Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15, subd. 1

Age/Grade of Child ¹	Number of Doses Required by Vaccine Type								
	Hep B	PCV-13 pneumococcal	Hib	DTaP / DT Tdap / Td	Polio	MMR	Varicella ¹¹	Hep A	MCV4 meningococcal
2 months through 15 months	Age appropriate	Age appropriate ³	Age appropriate	Age appropriate	Age appropriate	None	None	Age appropriate	None
15 months through pre-kindergarten	3	Age appropriate ³	1 ⁴	Age appropriate ⁵	Age appropriate ⁵	1	1	Age appropriate	None
Kindergarten	3	None	None	5 ^{5,6}	4 ^{5,9}	2	2	None	None
1 st grade through 6 years	3	None	None	5 ⁶	4 ^{5,9}	2	2	None	None
7 years through grade 6	3	None	None	3	3	2	2	None	None
Grade 7	2-3 ²	None	None	3 plus Tdap booster ^{7,8}	3	2	2	None	1 ¹²
Grades 8 through 12	2-3 ²	None	None	3 plus Tdap booster ^{7,8}	3 ¹⁰	2	2	None	Age appropriate ¹³

¹ A vaccine dose administered four or fewer days before the minimum age required by law is considered valid.

² A two-dose hepatitis B adolescent schedule given between the ages of 11 through 15 years is acceptable; however, it must be clearly documented that the two-dose product, RecombivaxHB 10 mcg was given.

³ Pneumococcal vaccine is required for children 2 to 24 months of age.

⁴ Minnesota law requires children enrolled in a child care facility have at least one dose of Hib vaccine given at or after 12 months of age; however it is always recommended to vaccinate children according to age appropriate recommendations.

⁵ MDH recommends that "kindergarten boosters" for DTaP/DT and polio be administered before entrance to kindergarten and the law requires that the final dose be on or after the fourth birthday.

⁶ The fifth dose of DTaP is not required if the fourth DTaP was administered after the fourth birthday.

⁷ If a child in grades 7 through 12 received a Td after their seventh birthday but before age 11 years they still need Tdap, regardless of the interval since their last Td dose.

⁸ If a child in grades 7 through 12 received a Tdap booster after their seventh birthday but before age 11 years, they are exempt until 10 years have elapsed since that dose was given, and then a Td is required.

⁹ The fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required if the third dose of polio was administered after the fourth birthday.

¹⁰ Students age 18 years or older are exempt from the polio vaccine requirement.

¹¹ If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form.

¹² Doses given before age 10 years do not count toward the law requirement.

¹³ Booster dose of meningococcal vaccine is recommended at age 16 years.

Immunizations Required for Post-Secondary Schools and Colleges

Minn. Stat. Section 135.14

Required Vaccines	Number of Doses
Tetanus and diphtheria (Td or Tdap)	One dose given in the 10 years prior to initial enrollment
Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)	One dose given on or after the first birthday (a second dose is recommended)
Recommended Vaccines*	Number of Doses
Meningococcal	Medically acceptable standard
Hepatitis A and B	Medically acceptable standard

*Some colleges may require these vaccines

Exemptions to the Immunization Law for Child Care, Early Childhood Programs, Schools, and Colleges

Minnesota Statutes, 121A.15, section 3 and section 135.14, subd. 3

- **Medical contraindication:** the parent/guardian must have a signed statement by a physician specifying the vaccine(s). A delayed (alternative) schedule is not considered a medical exemption.
- **Laboratory evidence of immunity:** the parent/guardian must have a signed statement by a physician specifying the vaccine(s).
- **Conscientious objection:** the parent/guardian must have a notarized statement that specifies the vaccine(s) and is signed by the parent/guardian.
- **For post-secondary schools and colleges:** A person who graduated from a Minnesota high school in 1997 or later is exempt from these requirements because they will already have met them as a high school student.

Related Legal Requirements for Child Care, Early Childhood Programs, Schools, and Colleges

- **Vaccine Information Statements:** It is a federal requirement that providers must give a copy of the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) to any patient/parent/guardian **before** receiving a vaccine.
- **Providing exemption information:** It is a state law that any written materials given to parents of pediatric patients about vaccines required for grades K-12 or child care must contain information on legal exemptions. The exemption information must be in the same font size and style and on the same page as the requirements.

Be sure you have up-to-date information on Minnesota's School Immunization Law by visiting the MDH website at www.health.state.mn.us/immunize.



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