

Minimum Immunizations for Pre-Kindergarten Program Entry

All children entering Pre-Kindergarten programs should be age appropriately immunized.¹ The following guidelines for parents and school personnel indicate the **minimum** number of doses for each vaccine needed for Pre-Kindergarten entry.^{2,3}

Hepatitis A	2 doses (1 st dose after 1 st birthday) (2 nd dose at least 6 months after 1st dose)	Hepatitis B	3 doses (Final dose at age 24 weeks or older)
DTaP	4 doses (Booster dose should not be given prior to 4 th birthday)	Varicella	1 dose (After 1 st birthday)
IPV	3 doses	MMR	1 dose (After 1 st birthday)
Hib	4 doses (3 doses if Pedvax [®] or Comvax [®] are used for full series) <u>However, for children starting series at greater than 6 months of age:</u> 3 doses if the first dose was given between 7-11 months of age 2 doses if the first dose was given between 12-14 months of age 1 dose if that dose was given between 15 and 59 months of age Generally not recommended for children age 5 and older		
PCV	4 doses <u>However, for children starting series at greater than 6 months of age:</u> 3 doses if the first dose was given between 7-11 months of age 2 doses if the first dose was given at 12-23 months of age 1 dose if that dose was given between 24-59 months of age Not routinely recommended for children age 5 and older		

Students may be provisionally enrolled in pre-kindergarten with at least one dose of each required vaccine and allowed up to eight months to obtain up-to-date status.

For questions about the Pre-Kindergarten Entry Immunization Guidelines above, call the West Virginia Immunization Program at 1-800-642-3634.

¹ Applicable immunization schedules can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov> by searching under "Immunization Schedules".

² The term "Pre-Kindergarten" or "Pre-K" applies to designated programs for children ages 3 and 4 years old. The above vaccines are requirements for all WV public Pre-K programs in accordance with WVDE Policy 2525 (126CSR28), Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System. This includes any "WV Collaborative" Pre-K program supported through local education agencies (LEAs). Similarly, WV Code §16-3-4 and 64CSR95, Immunization Requirements for New School Enters, requires the same in all other Pre-K programs held in a building housing K-12 students (with the exception that 64CSR95 does not address Hep A, PCV, or Hib). Most other Pre-K programs adhere to the above through other authorizations. Medical exemptions to the above should be granted in accordance with current standards of immunization practice endorsed by the AAP, AAFP, and ACIP.

³ These guidelines are also applicable to children age 18 months and older entering most childcare or preschool settings.