



Guidelines for Assuring Minimum Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten Program Enterers

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 1 st 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	<p>Generally, 4 doses (3 doses if Pedvax[®] is used) comprise a full series</p> <p>Children starting the series at greater than 6 months of age generally need: 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</p> <p>Note: Children ages 12-14 months who received 1st dose before 7 months of age, only 3 doses are need, the last 2 separated by 8 weeks.</p>		
PCV	<p style="text-align: center;">Generally, 4 doses comprise a full series</p> <p>Children starting the series at greater than 6 months of age generally need: 3 doses if the first was given between 7-11 months of age 2 doses if the first was given at 12-23 months of age 1 dose if that dose was given between 24-59 months of age</p> <p>RULE: any one dose of PCV given between 24-59 months of age is the final dose needed for Pre-K (Some at-risk children are recommended for an additional dose at age 5-18 years)</p>		

Students may be provisionally enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten with at least one dose of each required vaccine and allowed up to eight months, if necessary for minimum intervals, to obtain up-to-date status.

For questions about the Pre-Kindergarten Entry Immunization Guidelines above contact the Division of Immunization Services 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). 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.

The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age should be considered valid.