

VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

Early Learning and Child Care



What vaccines do children need for early learning or child care programs?

Children attending child care are required to show proof of vaccination or acquired immunity against the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/DT vaccines)
- Polio (IPV vaccine)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR vaccine)
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Pneumococcal bacteria (PCV)

See the Department of Health's vaccine requirements section of the school and child care web page for specific vaccine dose requirements and forms.

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What does a child need to enter an early learning or child care program?

A child may begin an early learning or child care program if they meet all of the following:

- The child has all required vaccine doses needed for their age.
- The parent or guardian has submitted medically verified records to the program by the first day of attendance.

A parent/guardian may submit an official Certificate of Exemption form to exempt the child from certain vaccine requirements.

What qualifies as a medically verified record?

Any of the documentation listed below can be accepted by early learning and child care programs.

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System (usually by a healthcare provider)
- A physical or hand-filled CIS form with a parent signature, with attached medical records.
- A physical or hand-filled CIS form with a healthcare provider signature
- A CIS printed out from MyIR, the state's portal for families to access their immunization records online

Resources

Find a local vaccination clinic at IMMUNITYCOMMUNITYWA.ORG

Questions about child care immunization requirements? Email OICPSCHOOLS@DOH.WA.GOV

Access your official immunization records at MYIRMOBILE.COM