

## REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS LICENSED CHILD CARE

### 19 THROUGH 23 MONTHS OF AGE

**4 doses Pneumococcal** if a dose was received on or after 12 months of age; OR **3 doses** if 1 or more doses were received on or after 12 months of age; OR **2 doses** if both doses were received at 12 months of age or older.

**1 dose Measles/Rubella**

**1 dose Varicella** OR a reliable history of natural disease.

### 24 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER

**4 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/  
Pertussis**

**3 doses Polio**

**3 doses Hib** if a dose was received on or after 12 months of age; OR **2 doses** if the first dose was received on or after 12 months of age; OR **1 dose** if the dose was received at 15 months of age or older. Hib vaccine is not required for persons 60 months of age or older.

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**1 dose Measles/Rubella**

**1 dose Varicella** OR a reliable history of natural disease.

## Vaccines: Your best shot at prevention.

If you have questions about vaccines, ask your healthcare provider.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VACCINES AND DISEASES, VISIT

- [hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization](https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization)
- [www.immunize.org](https://www.immunize.org)
- [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- [www.aap.org](https://www.aap.org)



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# Licensed Child Care Immunization Requirements

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### LESS THAN 4 MONTHS OF AGE

This chart contains the minimum requirements for participation in licensed child care. Routine vaccination begins at 2 months of age.

### 4 THROUGH 5 MONTHS OF AGE

**1 dose Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis,  
Polio, Hib, Pneumococcal**

### 6 THROUGH 11 MONTHS OF AGE

**2 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/  
Pertussis, Polio, Hib, Pneumococcal**

### 12 THROUGH 18 MONTHS OF AGE

**3 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/  
Pertussis**

**2 doses Polio**

**2 doses Hib** OR **1 dose** received at 15 months of age or older.

**3 doses Pneumococcal** OR **2 doses** if both doses were received at 12 months of age or older.

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**4 doses Diphtheria/Tetanus/  
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**3 doses Hib** if a dose was received on or after 12 months of age OR **2 doses** if the first dose was received on or after 12 months of age OR **1 dose** if the dose was received at 15 months of age or older.

## Proof of Immunization

### CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

A Certificate of Immunization must be given to the licensed child care center the child will attend. To be valid, the Certificate of Immunization must include the name and birth date of the child, the dates required vaccines were received and must be signed by a physician (MD or DO), physician's assistant, nurse or certified medical assistant.

### PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION

A Provisional Certificate of Immunization may be granted to a student transferring from one U.S. school to another or for a child who has begun, but not complete the required

immunizations for their age. To be eligible for provisional enrollment, the child must receive at least one dose of each of the required vaccines for their age. The next dose of required vaccine should be given as soon as possible but no longer than 60 days from the previous dose(s). If at the end of 60 days, the child has not received the next required dose(s) of vaccine, the child cannot attend licensed child care.

### MEDICAL EXEMPTION

A medical exemption may be granted if a healthcare provider believes immunization(s) would be harmful to the child. To be valid, the Medical Certificate of Immunization Exemption must be completed and signed by an Iowa licensed physician (MD or DO), physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

### RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

A religious exemption may be granted if immunizations conflict with a genuine and sincere religious belief and is not based on scientific, medical or personal opinion. To be valid, the Religious Certificate of Immunization Exemption must be completed with the name and birth date of the child and signed by the individual or the child's parent or guardian.

### ENFORCEMENT

Children who do not have a Certificate of Immunization, Provisional Certificate of Immunization or Certificate of Immunization Exemption on the first day cannot attend the licensed childcare center.

### IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

It is important to maintain immunization records in a safe place. Proof of immunizations may be necessary throughout life. The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services does not maintain historical paper immunization records. However, immunization records can be entered into Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Talk with your healthcare provider about entering immunizations into IRIS and obtaining copies of your records.

### IOWA'S IMMUNIZATION LAW

This brochure outlines the minimum immunization requirements for a child to attend licensed child care in Iowa. These requirements are based on Iowa law and the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and are minimum requirements to maintain a healthy child in group settings.

Iowa's immunization requirements apply to ALL individuals attending licensed child care centers in Iowa.

