

# Children in Child Care!



Children attending child care centers or homes must receive shots – or immunizations.

You must collect shot records from parents and update your records until all required shots have been given.

## IMPORTANT!

Parents or guardians must provide a child's certificate of immunization within 30 days of attendance. Children who are behind in their shots may be enrolled, but must also prove they are trying to get the needed vaccines and are meeting scheduled appointments.

## What Shots Do They Need?

### By This Age....

### Children Need These Shots

|   |                           |                            |                             |                           |                          |                |                           |  |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 3 months                                  | <b>1 DTaP</b>             | <b>1 Polio</b>             | <b>1 Hib</b>                | <b>1 PCV</b>              | <b>1 Hep B</b>           |                |                           |  |
| 5 months                                  | <b>2 DTaP</b>             | <b>2 Polio</b>             | <b>2 Hib</b>                | <b>2 PCV</b>              | <b>2 Hep B</b>           |                |                           |  |
| 7 months                                  | <b>3 DTaP</b>             | <b>2 Polio</b>             | <b>2-3 Hib</b>              | <b>3 PCV</b>              | <b>2 Hep B</b>           |                |                           |  |
| 12-16 months                              | <b>3 DTaP</b>             | <b>2 Polio</b>             | <b>3-4 Hib</b>              | <b>4 PCV</b>              | <b>1 MMR</b>             | <b>2 Hep B</b> | <b>1 Var<sup>+</sup></b>  |  |
| 19 months                                 | <b>4 DTaP</b>             | <b>3 Polio</b>             | <b>3-4 Hib</b>              | <b>4 PCV</b>              | <b>1 MMR</b>             | <b>3 Hep B</b> | <b>1 Var<sup>+</sup></b>  |  |
| 4 years or older<br>(in daycare only)     | <b>4 DTaP</b>             | <b>3 Polio</b>             | <b>3-4 Hib<sup>**</sup></b> | <b>4 PCV<sup>**</sup></b> | <b>1 MMR</b>             | <b>3 Hep B</b> | <b>1 Var<sup>+</sup></b>  |  |
| 4 years or older<br>(and in kindergarten) | <b>5 DTaP<sup>*</sup></b> | <b>4 Polio<sup>*</sup></b> | <b>3-4 Hib<sup>**</sup></b> | <b>4 PCV<sup>**</sup></b> | <b>2 MMR<sup>*</sup></b> | <b>3 Hep B</b> | <b>2 Var<sup>**</sup></b> |  |

\* The 5<sup>th</sup> DTaP; 4<sup>th</sup> Polio; 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Varicella are not required until children enter kindergarten. The last DTaP and Polio must be after age 4.

\*\* Children beyond their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday are not required to receive Hib or PCV vaccines

+ Vaccination is required unless signed documentation of disease history is provided by a health care worker stating the date or age of child's infection.

Note: Hepatitis A, Rotavirus and Flu vaccines are not required or reportable but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

If you have questions about immunizations, call your local health department or contact the NC Immunization Branch at 919-707-5550 or visit [www.immunize.nc.gov](http://www.immunize.nc.gov).

### Vaccine Tips

**DTaP** **Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis** is sometimes combined with other vaccines and is written as DTaP-HepB-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib or DTaP-IPV. If it is written as DT, ask the parent for a doctor's note stating why DT was used instead of DTaP. Children who receive the fourth DTaP after age 4 do not need a fifth dose.

**Polio** **Polio** may be written as either OPV, IPV, Sabin Polio or EIPV. Polio may also be written as DTaP-HepB-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib or DTaP-IPV as a part of a combination vaccine. The fourth dose of polio must be received after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and before entering kindergarten. Children who receive the third dose of polio after age 4 do not need a fourth dose.

**Hib** **Haemophilus influenzae type B** may be written by itself or as DTaP-IPV/Hib, or Hib-MenCY. Children receive either 3 or 4 doses of Hib, depending on the type of Hib given.

**Hep B** **Hepatitis B** is required for all children born after July 1, 1994.

**PCV** **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine** is required for all children born on or after July 1, 2015. The number of doses required varies based on the age of the child's first vaccine.

**MMR** **Measles, Mumps and Rubella** is a 3-in-one shot. The first dose can be given no earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dose must be given before the child enters kindergarten.

**Var** **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – The first dose can be given no earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and beginning July 1, 2015, the second dose is required before entering kindergarten.

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