

Guide to the Requirements of the **Arizona School Immunization Law** for

Parents of Children Entering School or Child Care in Arizona in 2006

Reference Arizona Administrative Code, Department of Health Services - Communicable Diseases. Chapter 6, Article 7, R9-6-701 - 708, Tables 1 & 2.

Why Your Child Needs Shots The Arizona School Immunization Law requires that children be up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) to attend school or child care. Diseases like measles and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter. Most children need booster shots before starting kindergarten and most high school students will need a Td or Tdap booster.

What Will You Need at Registration You will need your child's Immunization Record. It must show the date your child was given each required shot. If you do not have an Immunization Record or your child has not received all required shots call your doctor now for an appointment or call the local health department for the date and location of the next immunization clinic.

Number of Immunizations Required to Enter Childcare or School, By Age of Child								
Vaccine	Childcare/Preschool/Pre-K/Head Start						Kindergarten through 12 th Grade	
	<2 months	2-3 months	4-5 months	6-11 months	12-14 months	15 mo-5 yrs	5-6 years	7+ years
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td		1	2	3	3	4	5 Not required if DTaP#4 was given at 4+ years	3-5 At least 1 dose needs to be given at 4+ years
Td or Tdap Booster								1 dose required 10 years after last DTaP/Td
Polio		1	2	2	3	3	4 Not required if Polio #3 was given at 4+ years	4
MMR					1	1	2	2
					MMR must be given on/after the 1 st birthday to meet requirement			
Hib		1	2	2-3	3	3-4 Or 1 dose at 15+ mo.	Hib is <u>not</u> required for children 5+ years of age	
Hepatitis B	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
					A 4 th dose of Hep B is required if Hep B #3 was given before 24 weeks of age			
Varicella					1	1	1	1-2 A 2 nd dose is required if dose #1 was given at 13+ yrs of age
					During the 2006-2007 school year, children in childcare, Head Start, preschool, Kindergarten, 1 st , 2 nd , 7 th and 8 th grades must be immunized against Varicella unless they have had chicken pox disease. See Implementation Schedule on back to learn when the requirement will be added to other grades.			
Hepatitis A	In <u>Maricopa County Only</u> 2 doses, spaced 6 months apart, are required for children <u>24-71 months</u> of age in child care settings						Hepatitis A is <u>not</u> required for school attendance	

If your child is missing some doses, please contact your doctor or clinic now. If your child is current on immunizations now but will need an additional dose later in the year, the child will be allowed to attend child care or school, provided you get the remaining dose(s) on time.

Your child may be exempted by your child's doctor because of a medical condition or by you because of your religious beliefs (child care) or personal beliefs (school). Ask your school or child care provider for details.

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunization Requirement

Children who have not had chicken pox, and are attending child care, preschool, Head Start, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th grades during the 2006-2007 school year are required to show proof of varicella immunization. As displayed in the chart below, two additional grades will be added each year until 2010 when all grades K-12 will be included in the requirement.

Schools and child care centers will accept a parent's report that their child has had chicken pox. Children who have not had chicken pox need to be vaccinated. Parents/Guardians should contact their physician or local health department to arrange for their child to receive the vaccine. Children who receive varicella vaccine at 1-12 years of age need just one dose. Children who receive varicella vaccine beginning at 13+ years of age need two doses, spaced at least 4 weeks apart. If you have questions about varicella vaccine or this requirement, please contact the Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3630 or, outside of Maricopa County, (866) 222-2329.

Implementation Schedule for Varicella Requirement

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child Care Head Start	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	x	x	x	x
1 st Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
2 nd Grade		x	x	x	x	x
3 rd Grade			x	x	x	x
4 th Grade				x	x	x
5 th Grade					x	x
6 th Grade						x
7 th Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
8 th Grade		x	x	x	x	x
9 th Grade			x	x	x	x
10 th Grade				x	x	x
11 th Grade					x	x
12 th Grade						x