

# Iowa Child Care/Preschool Requirements and Recommendations

Below is Iowa's recommended immunization schedule.

Your child's child care or preschool may require additional health screenings, tests, or vaccines as well.

- ☆ **Vaccines with a star next to them are required for entry into child care and/or preschool and must be on an Iowa Certificate of Immunization.**

If your child does not meet these requirements please contact your medical provider to discuss a catch up schedule.

## Birth

1st dose Hepatitis B

## 1-2 months

2nd dose Hepatitis B

## 2 months

1st dose Rotavirus

- ☆ 1st dose DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- ☆ 1st dose Hib (Haemophilus influenza type b)
- ☆ 1st dose PCV (Pneumococcal)
- ☆ 1st dose Polio

## 4 months

2nd dose Rotavirus

- ☆ 2nd dose DTaP
- ☆ 2nd dose Hib
- ☆ 2nd dose PCV
- ☆ 2nd dose Polio

## 6 months

3rd dose Hepatitis B

3rd dose Rotavirus, if necessary

- ☆ 3rd dose DTaP
  - ☆ 3rd dose Hib, if necessary
  - ☆ 3rd dose PCV
  - ☆ 3rd dose Polio between 6-18 months old
- Annual influenza vaccine



## 12 months

- ☆ 3rd or 4th dose Hib between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 4th dose PCV between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 3rd dose Polio between 6-18 months old
  - ☆ 1st dose MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 1st dose Varicella between 12-15 months old
- 1st dose Hepatitis A
- Annual influenza vaccine

### 15 months

- ☆ 4th dose DTaP between 15-18 months old
  - ☆ 3rd or 4th dose Hib between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 4th dose PCV between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 3rd dose Polio between 6-18 months old
  - ☆ 1st dose MMR between 12-15 months old
  - ☆ 1st dose Varicella between 12-15 months old
- Annual influenza vaccine

### 18 months

- ☆ 4th dose DTaP between 15-18 months
  - ☆ 3rd dose Polio between 6-18 months old
- 2nd dose Hepatitis A  
Annual influenza vaccine



### 19 months– 4 years

Annual influenza vaccine

### 4-6 years

- 5th dose DTaP  
4th dose Polio  
2nd dose MMR  
2nd dose Varicella  
Annual influenza vaccine

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. A physical exam, signed by a MD (Medical Doctor), DO (Doctor of Osteopathy), ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner), or PA (Physician's Assistant) upon entry into a child care/preschool; physical exams must be repeated annually
2. A medical provider for emergency purposes)
3. A dentist (for emergency purposes)
4. An emergency contact person (for when the parent/guardian can't be reached)

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Lead screening at age 12 months and then every year after that through 6 years old
2. Oral/Dental screening when the first tooth comes in; dental exam at age 1 and every 6 months after that  
Please Note:
  - ◇ A **dental screening** may be performed by a dentist, a registered nurse, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a physician's assistant, a registered dental hygienist, a medical doctor, or a doctor of osteopathy. A **dental exam** must be performed by a dentist.
3. Vision, hearing and developmental assessments should be addressed at every physical or well-child exam