

Iowa Childcare/Preschool Requirements and Recommendations

Below is Iowa's recommended immunization schedule.

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

☆ **Vaccines with a star next to them are required for entry into childcare and/or preschool.**

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 childcare/preschool; physical exams must be repeated annually
2. A medical provider (for emergency purposes)
3. A dentist (for emergency purposes)
4. Headstart requires a dental exam performed by a dentist upon enrollment

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Lead screening at 12 months old then every year after that through 6 years old
2. Dental exam by age one, and then every year after that
3. Vision exam at 6 months old, 3 years old, upon entering first grade, and every 2 years after that
4. Hearing and developmental screening should be addressed at every physical exam

Please Note:

- ◇ A **dental exam** must be performed by a dentist. 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 **vision exam** must be performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. A **vision screening** may be performed by anyone trained to perform vision screens.

