

Please be aware that children with a medical or religious exemption may not be allowed to attend school during a disease outbreak.

NH law does not allow philosophical exemptions from required school and child care vaccines.

Is there a recommended schedule for children’s vaccination?

Yes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a recommended vaccination schedule for children. Following this standard schedule gives your child the best protection at the most appropriate time. Delaying vaccines or following a different schedule is not safe because it puts your child and the people around him/her at unnecessary risk of disease. You can find the current schedule on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html>

Ask your doctor to help you keep track of your child’s vaccinations.

Which immunizations are required for entry into childcare?

Child’s current age	Child should have received at least:
2 - 3 months	1 dose of DTaP, Polio, Hib 2 doses of HepB
4 - 5 months	2 doses of DTaP, Polio, Hib, HepB
6 - 13 months	3 doses of DTaP, Polio, HepB 2-3 doses of Hib (depending on brand)
13 - 18 months	3-4 doses of DTaP 3 doses of Polio, HepB 3-4 doses of Hib* (depending on brand) 1 dose of Varicella and MMR
19 - 47 months	4 doses of DTaP 3 doses of Polio, HepB 3-4 doses Hib* (depending on brand) 1 dose of Varicella and MMR
4 - 6 years	4-5 doses of DTaP** 3-4 doses of Polio** 3 doses of HepB 3-4 of Hib*(depending on brand) 1 -2 doses of Varicella and MMR**

* Some children who start the Hib vaccine series late may need fewer than recommended doses; Hib is not required for children age 5 and older (Questions, call NH Immunization Program at (603) 271-4482). ***

For Kindergarten:

- 4-5 doses of DTaP with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday.
- 3-4 doses of Polio with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
- 2 doses each of Varicella and MMR (with the first dose given on or after 12 months of age).

Where can I get more information, forms, resources, and materials?

Go to the NH Immunization Program (NHIP) website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disease-prevention/immunizations/immunization-guidance-parents>

You may also contact the NHIP at 603-271-4482.

