What vaccines do children need for early learning or child care programs?

Children attending child care are required to show proof of vaccination or acquired immunity against the following vaccine-preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/DT vaccines)
- Polio (IPV vaccine)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR vaccine)
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Pneumococcal bacteria (PCV)

See the Department of Health’s vaccine requirements section of the school and child care web page for specific vaccine dose requirements and forms.

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What does a child need to enter an early learning or child care program?

A child may begin an early learning or child care program if they meet all of the following:

- The child has all required vaccine doses needed for their age.
- The parent or guardian has submitted medically verified records to the program by the first day of attendance.

A parent/guardian may submit an official Certificate of Exemption form to exempt the child from certain vaccine requirements.

What qualifies as a medically verified record?

Any of the documentation listed below can be accepted by early learning and child care programs.

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System (usually by a healthcare provider)
- A physical or hand-filled CIS form with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical or hand-filled CIS form with a parent signature, with attached medical records.
- A CIS printed out from MyIR, the state’s portal for families to access their immunization records online

Resources

Find a local vaccination clinic at IMMUNITYCOMMUNITYWA.ORG
Questions about child care immunization requirements? Email OICPSCHOOLS@DOH.WA.GOV
Access your official immunization records at MYIRMOBILE.COM