

2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Childcare and Pre-k Facilities

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements for childcare facilities by the Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

A child shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a childcare facility in Texas.

Age at which child must have vaccines to be in compliance:	Minimum Number of Doses Required of Each Vaccine							
	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis (DTaP)	Polio	Hepatitis B (HepB) ¹	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) ²	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) ³	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) ^{1,4}	Varicella ^{1,4,5}	Hepatitis A (HepA) ^{1,4}
Zero through two months								
By three months	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose			
By five months	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses			
By seven months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses			
By 16 months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	
By 19 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	
By 25 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	One dose
By 43 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	Two doses

¹ Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

² A complete Hib series is two doses plus a booster dose on or after 12 months of age (three doses total). If a child receives the first dose of Hib vaccine at 12 - 14 months of age, only one additional dose is required (two doses total). Any child who has received a single dose of Hib vaccine on or after 15 - 59 months of age is in compliance with these specified vaccine requirements. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive Hib vaccine.

³ If the PCV series is started when a child is seven months of age or older or the child is delinquent in the series, then all four doses may not be required. Please reference the information below to assist with compliance:

- For children seven through 11 months of age, two doses are required.
- For children 12 - 23 months of age: if three doses have been received prior to 12 months of age, then an additional dose is required (total of four doses) on or after 12 months of age. If one or two doses were received prior to 12 months of age, then a total of three doses are required with at least one dose on or after 12 months of age. If zero doses have been received, then two doses are required with both doses on or after 12 months of age.
- Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, an additional dose is required. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive PCV vaccine.

⁴ For MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A vaccines, the first dose must be given on or after the first birthday. Vaccine doses administered within four days before the first birthday will satisfy this requirement.

⁵ Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of child) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." The written statement will be acceptable in place of any, and all varicella vaccine doses required.

2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

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IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level												Notes			
	Grades K - sixth						Grade seventh		Grades eighth-12th							
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10		11	12	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Pertussis(DTaP/DTP/DT/ Td/Tdap)	Five doses or four doses						Three dose primary series and one booster dose of tdap / td within the last five years		Three dose primary series and one booster dose of tdap / td within the last 10 years				For K – sixth grade: five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, four doses meet the requirement if the fourth dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ For students aged 7 years and older, three doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ For seventh grade: one dose of Tdap is required if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.* For eighth – 12th grade: one dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. **Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.			
Polio	Four doses or three doses												For K-12th grade: four doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ However, three doses meet the requirement if the third dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ Polio vaccine is not required for persons eighteen years of age or older.			
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ² (MMR)	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹ Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with two doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement			
Hepatitis B ²	Three doses												For students aged 11 – 15 years, two doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a three dose series is required.			
Varicella ^{2,3}	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹			
Meningococcal (MCV4)							One dose						For seventh – 12th grade, one dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th ¹ birthday.			
Hepatitis A ²	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹			

NOTE: Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

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