

Immunizations Required for Kindergarten Entrance



North Carolina law requires the following immunizations for Kindergarten Entrance:

- 5 **DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus)** - If 4th dose is on or after 4th birthday, 5th dose is not required.
- 4 **Polio – IPV** – 3 doses are acceptable if the last dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.
- 1 **HIB (Haemophilus Influenza B)** - Must be given at 15 months and before 5 years of age. Not required after age 5.
- 2 **Measles** – Two doses after the 1st birthday and at least 28 days apart. Usually given as MMR (measles, mumps, rubella).
- 2 **Mumps**
- 1 **Rubella**
- 3 **Hepatitis B**- Required for all students born on or after July 1, 1994
- 2 **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** - Required for all students born on or after April 1, 2001.

North Carolina laws also require that each child entering kindergarten receives a health assessment involving a physical examination, including a complete medical history. The health assessment must be completed by a certified health care professional and should be completed no earlier than twelve (12) months prior to school entry. Proof of current immunizations and health assessment must be submitted to the school within the first 30 days of attendance.

If your child feels sick, please keep him home from school. A fever, runny nose, cough or sore throat can all be signals that your child is too sick to come to school. Check with your doctor before sending your child back to school.