

North Carolina Vaccination Requirements



Changes to North Carolina's Immunization Requirements

Vaccination requirements listed below are new and/or changes to the law effective July 1, 2015

REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015)

Vaccine	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16-18 yrs
Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose			4th dose				5th dose				
Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib)			1st dose	2nd dose	*3rd dose		*3rd or 4th dose depending on type of vaccine									
Hepatitis A (Hep A)							Recommended 2-dose series									
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	1st dose	2nd dose			3rd dose											
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)														3-dose series		
Poliovirus (IPV)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose							4th dose				
Influenza					Recommended Annual Vaccination											
Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR)							1st dose					2nd dose				
Meningococcal														1st dose		Booster
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		4th dose									
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)											Recommended for certain high-risk groups					
Rotavirus (RV)			Recommended 1st & 2nd dose													
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)														Tdap		
Varicella (VAR)							1st dose					2nd dose				

Meningococcal Vaccine / 2 doses

- Dose 1 prior to 7th grade entry or by 12 years of age, whichever comes first after July 1, 2015
- Dose 2 is required by 17 years of age or 12th grade entry beginning August 1, 2020

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine / 4 doses

- Doses 1, 2, and 3 by age 7 months
- Dose 4 between 12—15 months of age
- NOTE: Not required for kids born before July 1, 2015. Number of doses depends on age at first dose. Talk to your medical provider.
- Not given after 4 years of age

Polio Vaccine / 4 doses

- Dose 1 and 2 by age 5 months
- Dose 3 by age 19 months
- Dose 4 prior to Kindergarten entry (NOTE: Last dose must be on or after the 4th birthday for those entering Kindergarten on or after July 1, 2015)

Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (Tdap) / 5 doses

- A booster dose is required for students entering 7th grade or by 12 years of age, whichever comes first after July 1, 2015

Varicella Vaccine (Chickenpox) / 2 doses

- Dose 1 between 12—19 months of age
- Dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1 but before Kindergarten entry
- NOTE: Parent/guardian report of a history of varicella disease is not acceptable as proof of immunity for kids beginning Kindergarten after July 1, 2015

Learn more at: <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/>