

## Florida health Latest Immunization Requirements

Florida requires certain vaccines to be administered before children may enroll and attend childcare and school.

### Immunizations Required for Childcare and/or Family Daycare

(Age-appropriate doses as indicated)

- Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP)
- Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)
- Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)

### Public/Non-public Preschool Entry

(Age-appropriate doses as indicated)

- DTaP
- IPV
- MMR
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Varicella
- Hib

### Public/Non-public Schools Kindergarten Through 12th Grade

(Children entering, attending, or transferring to Florida schools)

- Four or five doses of DTaP
- Four or five doses of IPV
- Two doses of MMR
- Three doses of Hep B
- One Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- Two doses of Varicella (kindergarten effective with 2008–2009 school year, then an additional grade is added each year thereafter). Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of varicella disease documented by the health care provider.

### Additional Immunization Requirements for 7th Grade Entry

Effective with 2009–2010 school year (then an additional grade is added each year thereafter), in addition to compliance with all other immunization requirements, children entering, attending, or transferring to the seventh grade in Florida schools must complete the following:

- One Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap)

See the [Immunization Guidelines: Florida Schools, Childcare Facilities and Family Daycare Homes\\*](#) for complete information on school requirements.

# Exemption from Required Immunizations

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Private healthcare providers may grant a Temporary Medical Exemption (TME), documented on the Form DH 680, Florida Certification of Immunization, for those who are in the process of completing any necessary immunizations. The TME requires an expiration date after which the exemption is no longer valid, and the immunizations must be completed before or at that time.

A Permanent Medical Exemption, documented on the Form DH 680, can be granted if a child cannot be fully immunized due to medical reasons. In this case, the child's physician must state in writing, the reasons for exemption based on valid clinical reasoning or evidence.

Form DH 681, Religious Exemption From Immunization, is issued if immunizations are in conflict with the religious tenets and practices of the child's parent or guardian. This exemption is issued by a County Health Department (CHD) and based on established religious beliefs or practices only.

## County Health Department Listing

See the Immunization Guidelines: Florida Schools, Childcare Facilities and Family Daycare Homes for complete information on exemptions.

Reference:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/children-and-adolescents/school-immunization-requirements/index.html>

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