

Child Vaccinations



Proof you'll need to provide

If you qualify for Head Start or GSRP benefits, you'll need to provide proof that your child is properly immunized, as required by law. (Please note that the term “immunized” and “vaccinated” usually mean the same thing when it comes to children’s health.)

Not sure if your child is properly immunized? Start by calling the doctor’s office or health clinic where your *child* goes for medical care. They can usually tell you if your child has the proper immunizations for preschool and grade school. *They can also provide the proof you need in printed form, usually at little or no cost.*

Still need help? Your local Public Health Department can help you make sure your child is properly immunized. Vaccinations are available at reduced cost or no cost for families in our area, depending on your income level.

You can contact the Calhoun County Public Health Department at **(269) 969-6363** for assistance. The Toeller Building is located at 190 E Michigan Ave. in Battle Creek,.

Note: Detailed information about required immunizations (vaccinations) is provided on the next page.

5 Important Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child

1. Immunizations can save your child’s life. Because of advances in medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children, have been eliminated completely and others are close to extinction – primarily due to safe and effective vaccines.

2. Vaccination is very safe and effective. Vaccines are only given to children after a long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and healthcare professionals.

3. Immunization protects others you care about. It not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones.

4. Immunizations can save your family time and money. A child with a vaccine-preventable disease can be denied attendance at schools or child care facilities. On the other hand, getting vaccinated against these diseases is a good investment and usually covered by insurance.

5. Immunization protects future generations. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that killed people just a few generations ago.

To learn more, visit: www.vaccines.gov or call the Calhoun County Public Health Department at **(269) 969-6363**.

Your child is worth it!



Required Immunizations for Michigan Childcare/Preschool Attendance

Communicable disease rules are the minimum standard for preventing disease outbreaks in child care settings.

To be protect patients from all diseases we have the power to prevent, healthcare providers in Michigan should follow the

2014 Recommended Immunization Schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or www.michigan.gov/immunize

****All doses of vaccines must be given with appropriate spacing between doses and at appropriate ages to be considered valid.**

Childcare/Preschool Entry Requirements							
Age →	Birth through 1 month	2 months through 3 months	4 months through 5 months	6 months through 15 months	16 months through 18 months	19 months through 4 years	5 years
Vaccine** ↓							
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	None	1 dose DTaP	2 doses DTaP	3 doses DTaP	3 doses DTaP	4 doses DTaP	4 doses DTaP
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV7 and/or PCV13)	None	1 dose	2 doses	3 doses	4 doses OR age appropriate complete series	1 dose on or after 24 mo OR age appropriate complete series	None
<i>H. influenzae</i> type b	None	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	1 dose on or after 15 months of age OR age appropriate complete series	1 dose on or after 15 months of age OR age appropriate complete series	None
Polio	None	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Measles,* Mumps,* Rubella*	None	None	None	None	1 dose on or after 12 months of age	1 dose on or after 12 months of age	None
Hepatitis B*	None†	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella* (Chickenpox)	None	None	None	None	1 dose on or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	1 dose on or after 12 months of age OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease	None

*Current laboratory evidence is acceptable instead of immunization with that antigen.

† Hepatitis B may be administered as early as birth.

This table represents the **minimum required** immunizations for childcare centers