



Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten Program Enterers

All children entering an approved pre-kindergarten ("Pre-K") classroom must have age appropriate immunizations¹ upon enrollment as mandated by state law.² The following chart shows the **minimum** number of doses for each vaccine required for entry.²

<p>Hepatitis B 3 doses Final dose at age 24 weeks or older</p>
<p>Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) 4 doses Booster dose after 4th birthday is <u>not</u> required</p>
<p>Varicella 1 dose After child's 1st birthday</p>
<p>Inactivated polio virus (IPV) 3 doses Booster dose after 4th birthday is <u>not</u> required</p>
<p>Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) 1 dose After child's 1st birthday</p>

Students may be provisionally enrolled in Pre-K with at least one dose of each required vaccine and allowed up to eight months, if necessary for minimum intervals, to obtain up-to-date status. The WVDHHR, Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age be considered valid.

For questions, contact the Division of Immunization Services at 1-800-642-3634.

¹Applicable immunization schedules can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov> by searching "Immunization Schedules." ² [West Virginia Code § 16-3-4](#) and [WVDHHR interpretative rule 64CSR95](#).