2012 GUIDE TO THE IDAHO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR

Parents of Children Attending Licensed Childcare Facilities

Why Your Child Needs Shots

The Idaho Childcare Immunization Law requires that children be up-to-date on their immunizations (shots) to attend licensed childcare facilities. Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a potential for the spread of infectious diseases. Diseases like chickenpox, measles, and whooping cough spread quickly, so children need to be protected before they enter childcare.

What You Need To Provide

You will need to present your child's immunization record to the childcare facility operator within 14 days of initial attendance. The immunization record must show the date (month, day, and year) your child was given each required shot. If you do not have an immunization record or your child has not received all required shots, call your doctor or local health department now for an appointment.

Required Shots for Childcare

Review your child's immunization record to make sure you have a date for each shot required for childcare. Please note most children need booster shots before starting kindergarten.

SUMMARY OF CHILDCARE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Age-Deadline to Obtain Required Doses	Required Immunizations for Childcare Attendance All doses must meet minimum ages and intervals *(Number of doses of Hib and Rotavirus required depends on vaccine brand type.)*										
	DTaP[1]	Polio[2]	MMR	Hep B	*Haemophilus influenza* type b (Hib)[3]		Varicella	Hep A	Pneumo-coccal[4]	Rotavirus[5]	
					Act- Hib	Pedvax Hib				Rotarix (RV1)	RotaTeq (RV5)
3 months	1	1		1	1	1			1	1	1
5 months	2	2		2	2	2			2	2	2
7 months	3				3				3		3
16 months			1		4	3	1	1	4		
19 months	4	3		3							
2 years								2			
7 years (or school entry)	5	4	2				2				

1. DTaP: The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
2. Polio: The 4th dose is not necessary if the 3th dose was administered at age 4 years or older **and** at least 6 months after previous dose.
3. Hib: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older.
4. Pneumococcal: Generally not recommended for children aged 5 years or older. Children aged 14 through 59 months who received a completed 4-dose or other age-appropriate series of PCV7, must also receive a supplemental dose of PCV13.
5. Rotavirus: Vaccination should not be initiated for infants aged 15 weeks 0 days or older. The maximum age for the final dose is 8 months.

If your child's record is missing some doses, please contact your doctor or clinic now to obtain the full immunization record or any doses needed. If your child recently received immunizations and needs an immunization later in the year, he/she can be allowed to attend, provided you complete the Conditional Attendance form and get the remaining doses when they become due.

If your child is not immunized due to medical, religious, or philosophical reasons, let the childcare facility operator know.

Reference

Section 39-1118, Idaho Code: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 11 "Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Licensed Daycare Facilities in Idaho."