

South Carolina Immunization Requirements for Childcare 2025-2026

The following minimum requirements are necessary for childcare. These requirements will be effective as of July 1, 2025. This includes preschool attendance for 4K programs and younger. **A SC Certificate of Immunization with an expiration date is acceptable to allow for age-appropriate completion of vaccination series.** No child can attend childcare or preschool for more than 30 days past the expiration date of the certificate.

By This Age:	Minimum Number of Required Doses:							
3 months ¹	2 Hep B	1 DTaP ²	1 Hib ³	1 PCV ⁴	1 IPV			
5 months	2 Hep B	2 DTaP ²	2 Hib ³	2 PCV ⁴	2 IPV			
7 months	2 Hep B	3 DTaP ²	2-3 Hib ³	3 PCV ⁴	2 IPV			
13 months	2 Hep B	3 DTaP ²	2-3 Hib ³	3 PCV ⁴	2 IPV			
16 months	2 Hep B	3 DTaP ²	3 Hib ³	4 PCV ⁴	2 IPV	1 MMR	1 VAR	
19 months	3 Hep B	4 DTaP ²	3-4 Hib ³	4 PCV ⁴	3 IPV	1 MMR	1 VAR	1 Hep A ⁵
2 years	3 Hep B	4 DTaP ²	3-4 Hib ³	4 PCV ⁴	3 IPV	1 MMR	1 VAR	2 Hep A ⁵
4 years (childcare and/or 4-K)	3 Hep B	4 DTaP ²	3-4 Hib ³	4 PCV ⁴	3 IPV	1 MMR	1 VAR	2 Hep A ⁵

Please note: Children enrolled in grade 5K or greater and enrolled in a childcare facility (e.g., after-school and/or summer program) must meet school immunization requirements and have a valid SC Certificate of Immunization on file at the childcare and school facility.

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, "...no owner or operator of a public or private childcare facility as defined in Section 63-13-20 may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school, or day care facility to which the child or person has been admitted."

¹ Minimum immunization requirement for childcare entry for all infants under 3 months of age.

² Any combination of **DTP**, **DT**, or **DTaP** vaccine.

³ ***Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) 3 Dose Series (PedvaxHIB)*** – One dose by 3 months; second dose by 5 months and third dose by 16 months of age; OR, ***4 Dose Series (ActHIB, Hiberix, Vaxelis, or Pentacel)*** – One dose by 3 months; second dose by 5 months; third dose by 7 months and fourth dose by 16 months of age (ActHIB, Hiberix, Vaxelis); *Pentacel* fourth dose by 19 months of age. For children 15 – 59 months of age who have not yet completed an age-appropriate Hib vaccination series, one (1) dose of Hib vaccine at or after 15 months of age is required. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age and older.

⁴ **Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)** – For children aged 24 – 59 months who have not yet completed any age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination, one (1) dose of PCV on or after the 2nd birthday is required. PCV is not required for children 5 years of age and older.

⁵ **Hepatitis A (Hep A)** – One dose must be administered no later than 18 months of age.