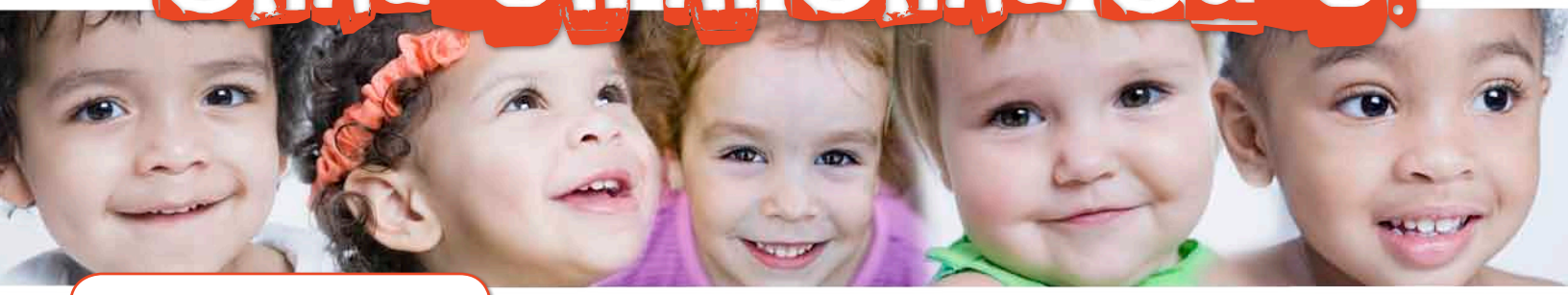
Children in Child Care!



Children attending child care centers or homes must receive shots – or immunizations.

You must collect shot records from parents and update your records until all required shots have been given.

IMPORTANT!

Parents or guardians must provide a child's certificate of immunization within 30 days of attendance. Children who are behind in their shots may be enrolled, but must also prove they are trying to get the needed vaccines and are meeting scheduled appointments.

What Shots Do They Need?

By This Age....	Children Need These Shots					
3 months	**1 DTaP**	**1 Polio**	**1 Hib**		**1 Hep B**	
5 months	**2 DTaP**	**2 Polio**	**2 Hib**		**2 Hep B**	
7 months	**3 DTaP**	**2 Polio**	**2-3 Hib**		**2 Hep B**	
12-16 months	**3 DTaP**	**2 Polio**	**3-4 Hib**	**1 MMR**	**2 Hep B**	**1 Var+**
19 months	**4 DTaP**	**3 Polio**	**3-4 Hib**	**1 MMR**	**3 Hep B**	**1 Var+**
4 years or older (in daycare only)	**4 DTaP**	**3 Polio**	**3-4 Hib****	**1 MMR**	**3 Hep B**	**1 Var+**
4 years or older (and in kindergarten)	**5 DTaP***	**4 Polio***	**3-4 Hib****	**2 MMR***	**3 Hep B**	**1 Var+**

* The 5th DTaP; 4th Polio; and 2nd MMR are not required until children enter kindergarten. The last DTaP must be after age 4.

** Children beyond their 5th birthday are not required to receive any Hib vaccine.

+ Vaccination required unless documentation of disease history. Acceptable documentation is a letter from the child's parent, legal guardian or physician stating approximate date or age of child's infection.

Note: Prevnar, Hepatitis A, Rotavirus and Flu vaccines are not required or reportable but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

If you have questions about immunizations, call your local health department or contact the NC Immunization Branch at **919-707-5550** or visit www.immunizenc.com.

Vaccine Tips

DTaP **Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis** is sometimes written as DTaP or DTP. If it is written as DT, ask the parent for a doctor's note stating why DT was used instead of DTP. Children who receive the fourth DTaP after age 4 do not need a fifth dose.

Polio **Polio** may be written as either OPV, IPV, Sabin Polio or EIPV. Children who receive the third dose of polio after age 4 do not need a fourth dose.

Hib **Haemophilus influenzae type B** may be written by itself or with DTP, such as DTP/Hib or Tetramune. Children receive up to 3 - 4 doses of Hib, depending on the type of Hib given. ALSO: If a child got 1 dose of Hib on or after age 15 months, whether the Hib was by itself or with DTP, no more Hib vaccine is needed.

MMR **Measles, Mumps and Rubella** is a 3-in-one shot. The first dose can be given no earlier than the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given before the child enters kindergarten.

Hep B **Hepatitis B** is required for all children born on or after July 1, 1994.

Var **Varicella (Chickenpox)** – one dose is required for all children between 12 and 19 months of age who were born on or after April 1, 2001. (Effective April 1, 2002) A second dose of varicella is now recommended for all children between the ages of 12 months and 12 years of age. This second dose is not required.

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