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.

**Vaccine Tips**

**DTP**
Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis is sometimes combined with other vaccines and is written as DTaP-HepB-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib or DTaP-IPV. If it is written as DT, ask the parent for a doctor’s note stating why DT was used instead of DTaP. 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. Polio may also be written as DTaP-HebB-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib or DTaP-IPV as a part of a combination vaccine. The fourth dose of polio must be received after the 4th birthday and before entering kindergarten.

**Hib**
Haemophilus influenzae type B may be written by itself or as DTaP-IPV/Hib, or Hib-MenCY. Children receive either 3 or 4 doses of Hib, depending on the type of Hib given.

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

**PCV**
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine is required for all children born on or after July 1, 2015. The number of doses required varies based on the age of the child’s first vaccine.

**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.

**Var**
Varicella (Chickenpox) – The first dose can be given no earlier than the 1st birthday and beginning July 1, 2015, the second dose is required before entering kindergarten.

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**Children In Child Care**

**What Shots Do They Need?**

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

* The 5th DTaP, 4th Polio, 2nd MMR, and 2nd Varicella are not required until children enter kindergarten. The last DTaP and Polio must be after age 4.
** Children beyond their 5th birthday are not required to receive Hib or PCV vaccines
† Vaccination is required unless signed documentation of disease history is provided by a health care worker stating the date or age of child’s infection.
Note: Hepatitis A, Rotavirus and Flu vaccines are not required or reportable but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

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

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