

South Carolina Immunization Requirements for Childcare 2021-2022

The following minimum requirements are necessary for childcare. These requirements will be effective as of July 1, 2021. This includes preschool attendance for 4K programs and younger. An 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.

Vaccine	Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, or DTaP vaccine.
Polio	Three (3) doses of any combination of oral or inactivated polio vaccine
Haemophilus influenza Type b (Hib)	Current, age-appropriate Hib vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. For children 15-59 months of age who have not yet completed age-appropriate Hib vaccination, 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.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	One (1) dose of MMR vaccine received on or after the first birthday
Hepatitis A	2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months for any child born on or after January 1, 2019. Vaccine series must be started by 18 months of age.
Hepatitis B	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine with the third dose received \geq 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose
Varicella	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease
Pneumococcal	Current, age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination according to the currently published immunization schedule. For children aged 24-59 months who have not yet completed any age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination, one (1) dose of PCV13 on or after the 2nd birthday is required. Pneumococcal vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age and older.

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."