

Alaska Immunization Compliance Standards FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES, PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND HEAD START PROGRAMS

Dose #	<i>Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTaP/DT)</i>		<i>Polio (OPV, IPV)</i>		<i>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)</i>	
	Required spacing		Required spacing		Required spacing	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
1	Not valid before 6 wks of age	By 3 mos of age	Not valid before 6 wks of age	By 3 mos of age	Not valid before 1st birthday	By 16 mos of age
2	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1		
3	1 mo after #2	3 mos after #2	1 mo after #2	1 yr after #2		
4	4 mos after #3	1 yr after #3				
	<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p> <p>A child under 7 years of age who has received 6 or more doses does not require more, regardless of spacing.</p>		<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p>		<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p>	

For compliance purposes (applies to charts on pages 8-10):

Age = age in calendar weeks or months (e.g., "by 6 wks of age" or "by 2 mos of age")

Interval between doses calculated as 28 days = 1 month

"Maximum" (under Required spacing) - refers to the maximum time period before a child who has not completed the required number of doses would be "out of compliance." Doses received *after* the "maximum" intervals are medically acceptable and bring the child back into agreement with compliance standards.

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Dose #	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Varicella "Chickenpox"	
	Required spacing		Required spacing		Required spacing	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
1	Not valid before 1 st birthday	By 25 mos of age	At birth	By 2 mos of age	Not valid before 1st birthday	By 19 mos of age
2	6 mos after #1	19 mos after #1	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1		
3			2 mos after #2 and at least 4 mos after #1	18 mos after #2		
	An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.		An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.		An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.	

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN A CHILD CARE SETTING

Children in a licensed child care facility, preschool, or Head Start program who also attend school (grades K-12) must meet:

- school immunization requirements on pp. 12-13 (e.g., 2 doses of measles vaccine)

AND

- the child care facility/preschool/Head Start requirement for varicella. (Although **varicella** immunization or a history of varicella disease is not required for children in grades K-12 in a school setting, it is **required for children of any age attending a licensed child care facility.**)

"Kindergarten" - For the purposes of these guidelines, a "child in kindergarten" is one who was born by August 15th at least five years prior to kindergarten entry. For example, a child entering kindergarten in 2005 must have been born before August 15, 2000. *Definition follows kindergarten age criteria established by the AK Dept of Education and Early Development.*

Special Information about Hib Compliance

Before the introduction of effective vaccines, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis among children less than 5 years of age. Hib vaccine has almost completely eliminated the incidence of Hib disease in this country. Appropriate use of this important vaccine requires consideration of several factors, including:

- **AGE** – Both the child’s current age and the age at which he/she received prior doses affect the recommendations for future doses of Hib vaccine.
- **BRAND OF VACCINE USED** – At least three brands of Hib vaccine currently are licensed in the United States. For children beginning Hib immunization in infancy, two brands require 4 total doses, while one requires only 3. **For purposes of compliance**, the 3-dose schedule shown below will be used, regardless of the type of vaccine received.

Dose #	Hib		
	CURRENT Age	Required spacing	
		Minimum	Maximum
1	6 wks - 59 mos	Not valid before 6 wks of age	By 3 mos of age
2	6 wks - 11 mos	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1
	12-14 mos	1 mo after #1*	3 mos after #1*
	15-59 mos	2 mos after #1	3 mos after #1 and by 16 mos of age
3	6 wks - 11 mos	Not counted <i>for compliance</i> if received before 12 mos of age	Not applicable
	12-59 mos	2 mos after #2 (Not counted <i>for compliance</i> if received before 12 mos of age)	3 mos after #2 and by 16 mos of age
<p><i>An additional dose is required if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum spacing requirements are not met. <p><i>An additional dose is NOT required if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child received at least one dose between 15-59 mos of age. ● Child received at least 2 valid doses before 12 mos of age and an appropriately spaced 3rd dose between 12-14 mos of age. ● Child is 5 yrs of age and older. <p>* If a child received dose #1 after 12 mos of age, a minimum of 2 mos is required between dose #1 and #2. To remain in compliance, the child must receive dose #2 a maximum of 3 mos after dose #1 and by 16 months of age. If this child receives dose #2 at least 2 mos after dose #1, no additional doses are needed.</p>			