

# Are Your Kids Ready?

## Minnesota's Immunization Law

### Immunization Requirements

Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).

Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. Children birth to 2 may not have received all doses. Look at the table on the back, it shows the age when doses are due.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years <sup>①</sup> For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1st through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B <sup>⑥</sup> ✓✓✓
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT <sup>④</sup> ✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses	Tdap <sup>⑦</sup> ✓ at 7th grade
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio <sup>⑤</sup> ✓✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal <sup>⑧</sup> ✓ at 7th grade & at ✓ age 16
Pneumococcal <sup>②</sup> ✓✓✓✓			
Varicella <sup>③</sup> ✓	Varicella <sup>③</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>③</sup> ✓✓	Varicella ✓✓

### Immunizations recommended but not required:

#### Influenza

Annually for all children age 6 months and older

#### Rotavirus

For infants

#### Human papillomavirus

At age 11 -12 years

- ① First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- ② Not required after 24 months.
- ③ If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form.
- ④ Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if 4<sup>th</sup> was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- ⑤ Fourth shot of polio not needed if 3<sup>rd</sup> was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- ⑥ An alternate 2-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids from age 11 through 15 years.
- ⑦ Proof of at least three doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccination needed. If a child received Tdap at age 7-10 years another dose is not needed for 7th grade. However, if it was only a Td, a Tdap for 7th grade is needed.
- ⑧ One dose is required for 7th grade, a second dose at age 16 years (10th/11th grade).

### Exemptions

To go to school in Minnesota, students must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.

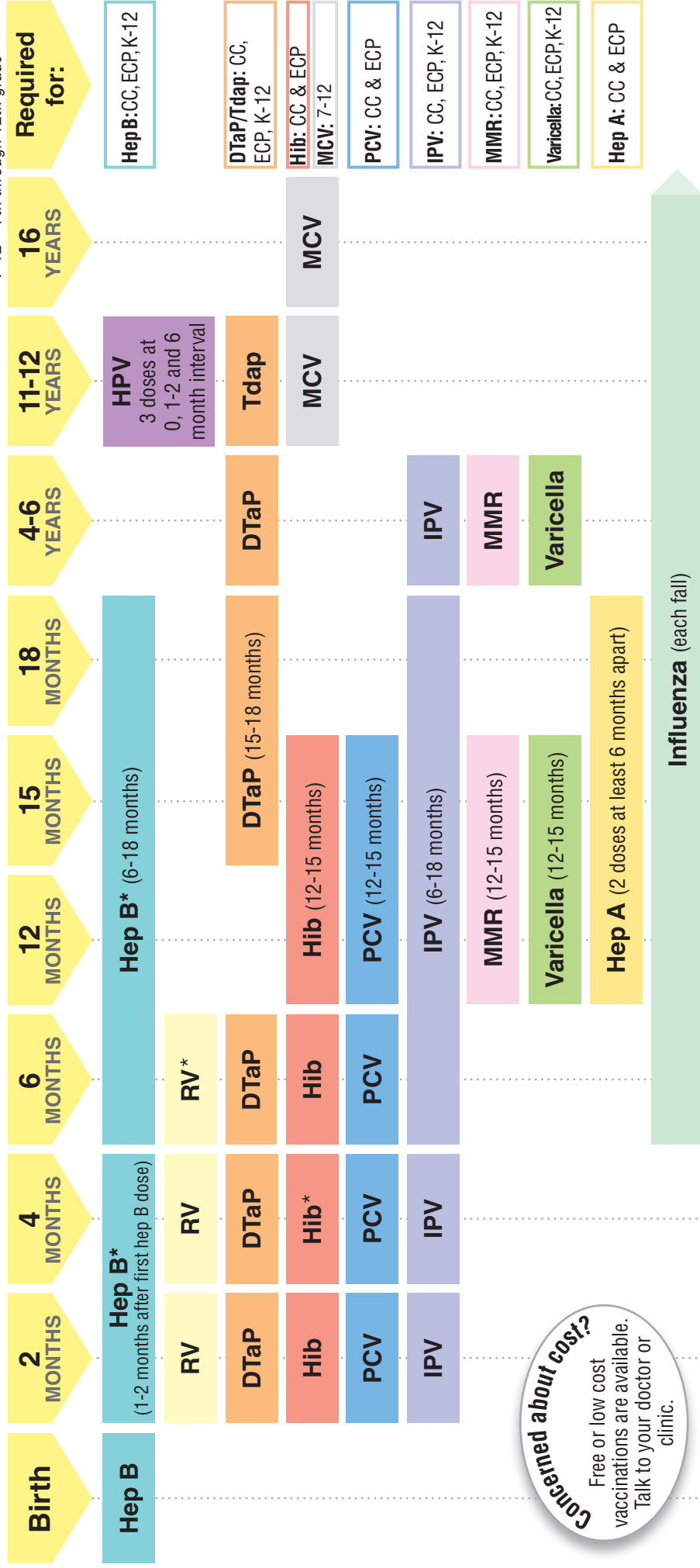
Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a conscientious objection signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

### Looking for Records?

For copies of your child's vaccination records, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-5503 or 1-800-657-3970.

# When to Get Vaccines Birth to 16 Years

CC = Child care  
 ECP = Early Childhood Programs  
 K-12 = Kindergarten through 12th grade  
 7-12 = 7th through 12th grade



**Concerned about costs?**  
 Free or low cost vaccinations are available. Talk to your doctor or clinic.

It's not too late! If your child has fallen behind on their vaccinations, talk to your doctor or clinic to catch them up.

Minnesota law requires written proof of certain vaccinations for children in child care, early childhood programs, and school. However, if a child has a medical reason or if his/her parents are conscientiously opposed to any or all of the vaccinations, a legal exemption is available.

**Children with certain medical conditions may need additional vaccines** (e.g., pneumococcal or meningococcal). Talk to your doctor or clinic.

**Pregnant?** Protect yourself and your baby from whooping cough, get a Tdap vaccination between 27 and 36 weeks gestation. Talk to your doctor.  
 \*The number of doses depends on the product your doctor uses.  
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Key to vaccine abbreviations

DTaP/Td	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus	Hib	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b
Hep B	hepatitis B	Hep A	hepatitis A
MMR	measles, mumps, rubella	IPV	polio
		PCV	pneumococcal
		RV	rotavirus