

About the Child Care Immunization Report for 2023-24

Child care immunization report

Children enrolled in licensed child care centers are required to show they have received certain immunizations or have a legal exemption. Every year, child care centers that are covered under a Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Rule 3 license are required to report the immunization status of children enrolled in their center to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This report ensures compliance with the Minnesota immunization law (Minnesota Statutes, Section 121A.15 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4604). Child care data for the 2023-24 reporting year is now available on [Child Care Immunization Data \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats/childcare/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats/childcare/). This allows community leaders, health care providers, child care center staff, and parents to see the immunization and exemption percentages for their child care center.

Data collection

Only DHS Rule 3 licensed child care centers are required to complete the child care immunization report. Rule 3 licensed centers are generally located in a center (not a home), care for a larger number of children, and require staff qualifications and training. For more information, visit [DHS Licensing \(https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/licensing/\)](https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/licensing/).

Child care immunization reports include hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP); polio; measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); haemophilis influenzae type B; varicella (chicken pox); and hepatitis A vaccines. This table shows the number of required doses for children age 24 months or older.

Age	Hepatitis B doses	DTaP doses	Polio doses	HIB doses	MMR doses	Varicella doses	Hepatitis A doses
24 months and older	3	4	3	1 ^a	1	1 ^b	1 ^a

Children who are missing doses or who are partially vaccinated, but do not have a legal exemption on file are counted in the “No Doses” and “Partially Vaccinated” categories respectively. Many of these children may begin child care incompletely vaccinated and then catch up. The percentage of children with documented legal exemptions – Non-medical (NM) and Medical (ME) – is also reported. The child care center staff must report data for all children that are 3 months or older, but the data made available on the web only includes children who are 24 months or older. We have only included the older children because younger children receive vaccines within shorter time frames that make analysis difficult.

^a The requirements differ from the immunization schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization schedule. The above requirements are the minimum number of doses that are required for enrollment in child care, but to be fully protected children should receive additional doses for HIB and Hepatitis A. Please refer to [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html) for the complete childhood immunization schedule.

^b If the child has had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after Sept. 1, 2010, the child’s doctor must sign a form.

2023-24 response rate

For the 2023-24 reporting year, 1,615 of 1,781 (90.7%) child care centers submitted a child care immunization report to MDH. There were 67,562 children age 24 months or older who were included in these reports. Possible reasons for non-reporting include temporary closure (which is not always reported) and decreased capacity to perform administrative tasks.

Other immunization data

Child care data differ from other MDH immunization coverage data on several important factors including: the age groups represented, method of collection, and the individual vaccines that are included. The other available immunization coverage data are from the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC), the Annual Immunization Status Report (AISR), and the National Immunization Survey (NIS). For more information on these data, see [Immunization Statistics \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/stats).

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