

**Guidelines for Assuring Minimum Immunization Requirements for  
Pre-Kindergarten Program Enterers**

All children entering Pre-Kindergarten programs should be age appropriately immunized.<sup>1</sup> The following guidelines for parents and school personnel indicate the **minimum** number of doses for each vaccine needed for Pre-Kindergarten entry.<sup>2,3</sup>

<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>2 doses</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> dose after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday) (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose at least 6 months after 1st dose)	<b>Hepatitis B</b>	<b>3 doses</b> (Final dose at age 24 weeks or older)
<b>DTaP</b>	<b>4 doses</b> (Booster dose should not be given prior to 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	<b>Varicella</b>	<b>1 dose</b> (After 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
<b>IPV</b>	<b>3 doses</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>1 dose</b> (After 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
<b>Hib</b>	<b>4 doses</b> (3 doses if Pedvax <sup>®</sup> or Comvax <sup>®</sup> are used for full series) Children starting the series at greater than 6 months of age <b>generally</b> need: 3 doses if the first dose was given between 7-11 months of age 2 doses if the first dose was given between 12-14 months of age 1 dose if that dose was given between 15 and 59 months of age  <b>RULE: Any one dose of Hib vaccine after 15 months of age is the final dose needed</b>		
<b>PCV</b>	<b>4 doses</b> Children starting the series at greater than 6 months of age <b>generally</b> need: 3 doses if the first dose was given between 7-11 months of age 2 doses if the first dose was given at 12-23 months of age 1 dose if that dose was given between 24-59 months of age  <b>RULE: any one dose of PCV between 24-59 months of age is the final dose needed <u>for pre-K entry</u></b> (Some at-risk children are recommended for an additional dose at age 5-18.)		

***Students may be provisionally enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten with at least one dose of each required vaccine and allowed up to eight months to obtain up-to-date status.***

For questions about the Pre-Kindergarten Entry Immunization Guidelines above contact the Division of Immunization Services at 1-800-642-3634.

<sup>1</sup> Applicable immunization schedules can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov> by searching under "Immunization Schedules".

<sup>2</sup> The term "Pre-Kindergarten" or "Pre-K" applies to designated programs for children ages 3 and 4 years old. The above vaccines are requirements for all WV public Pre-K programs in accordance with WVDE Policy 2525 (126CSR28), Universal Access to a Quality Early Education System. This includes any "WV Collaborative" Pre-K program supported through local education agencies (LEAs). Medical exemptions to the above should be granted in accordance with current standards of immunization practice endorsed by the AAP, AAFP, and ACIP.

<sup>3</sup> These guidelines are also applicable to children age 18 months and older entering most childcare or preschool settings.

**The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age should be considered valid.**