

2017-2018 REQUIRED STANDARDS OF IMMUNIZATION FOR DAY CARE ATTENDANCE

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."

The Department of Health and Environmental Control has declared the following minimum requirements are necessary to receive the final immunization certificate for day care attendance for **4K programs and younger**. Children enrolled in day care who have not yet received all required immunizations must present a valid SC Certificate of Immunization that indicates by expiration date of the certificate when the next immunization(s) are due. The child is allowed to remain in the day care **no longer than 30 days after the noted expiration date**.

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 facility.

Minimum Requirements:^{1, 3}

Vaccine for:	Day Care Requirements:
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 influenzae Type b (Hib)	Current, age-appropriate <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> Type b conjugate 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 <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> Type b vaccine at or after 15 months of age is required. Hib vaccine is <u>not</u> required for children 5 years of age and older.
Rubeola (Measles)	One (1) dose of rubeola (Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday
Rubella (German Measles)	One (1) dose of rubella (German Measles) vaccine received on or after the first birthday
Mumps	One (1) dose of mumps vaccine received on or after the first birthday
Hepatitis B	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine with the third dose received ≥ 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. ² For children aged 24-59 months who have not yet completed any age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination schedule (PCV7 or PCV13), one (1) dose of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 2 nd birthday is required. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is <u>not</u> required for children 5 years of age and older.

¹When issuing a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization, doses documented on the immunization certificate must be valid according to accepted practice standards for minimum age(s) and intervals.

²A single supplemental dose of PCV13 is strongly recommended for all children 14-59 months of age who have completed age-appropriate pneumococcal vaccination with the 7-valent pneumococcal vaccine (PCV7), but is not required for day care attendance.

³Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, children may be exempt from these immunization requirements for the following reasons:

Medical Exemption: The Medical Exemption section of the SC Certificate of Immunization should only be completed when a child has a permanent or temporary medical reason for exclusion from receipt of vaccine(s). The Medical Exemption section must be completed by a licensed Physician (MD or DO) or his/her authorized representative (e.g. Physician's Assistant, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse).

Religious Exemption: A religious exemption may be granted to any student whose parents, parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis signs the appropriate section of the South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption stating that one or more immunizations conflicts with their religious beliefs. The South Carolina Certificate of Religious Exemption can only be obtained from the Department of Health and Environmental Control.