

Vaccine Requirements for School and Child Care Entry in Colorado

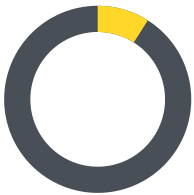


Recent focus on potential COVID-19 vaccine requirements has raised questions on the broader role of school and child care vaccine requirements. These requirements have helped support historically high vaccination rates and have kept deadly diseases like measles and polio out of our schools and communities for decades.

What Vaccines Are Required?

K-12 and child care entry law in Colorado requires these vaccines to be administered according to the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule.

Tdap/DTaP
Varicella
(Chicken Pox)
Hepatitis B
Polio
MMR
(Measles, Mumps, Rubella)



9% of CO's kindergartners aren't vaccinated against MMR (2019-2020)

This is incredibly dangerous, as measles is among the most contagious vaccine-preventable diseases.

1978

was the first year that Colorado required vaccines for school and child care entry.

Why Do We Require Vaccines for School?

44th



Colorado ranked
44th in
vaccination
rates for
kindergartners
in 2020

Vaccines are safe, effective, and the number one thing we can do to keep our kids healthy and safe from preventable, deadly diseases. High vaccination rates are key to protecting students, school staff and the broader community.

Vaccinating one birth cohort in the US...



Prevents **42,000**
early deaths



Saves **\$13.5 billion** in
direct health care
costs



Prevents **20 million**
cases of disease

Is Anyone Exempt?

ALL states require vaccinations for school entry. Colorado does have an exemption process for Medical and Non-Medical reasons.

The **less vaccinated** our children
are, the **more vulnerable**
everyone is.