

# Vaccine Requirements for School and Child Care Entry in Colorado

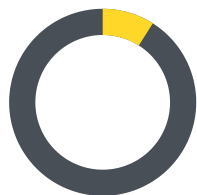


Recent focus on potential COVID-19 vaccine requirements has raised questions on the broader role of school and child care vaccine requirements. These requirements have helped support historically high vaccination rates and have kept deadly diseases like measles and polio out of our schools and communities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