

Minimum Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV) Requirements for Children Attending Child Care and Pre-Kindergarten Programs in New York State

Instructions for reading this chart (which follows on page 2): When a child presents to a child-care center, group family day care, or pre-kindergarten program, the individual reviewing the immunization record for that child should determine: 1) the current age of the child; 2) the age of the child when previous doses were administered; and 3) the number of doses of PCV vaccine that the child is required to have to attend. The age of the child when the first dose was administered affects the total number of doses the child is required to have.

If a child presents to the facility or program at less than 12 months of age, then the facility or program must follow up with the child's parent or guardian to ensure that the child completes the vaccine series by age 15 months.

Children missing any required doses must receive the missing doses following the minimum ages and intervals noted below.

1. The recommended vaccine schedule for children starting the series at age 2 months is 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12 – 15 months.
2. The minimum age for the first dose is 6 weeks.
3. The minimum age for the final dose is 12 months.
4. The minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks; the final dose must be administered a minimum of 8 weeks after the previous dose.

Public Health Law Section 2164 requires that children who have not met the immunization requirements be excluded from day care or pre-kindergarten if they do not have medical or religious exemption to PCV vaccine. A child may be considered in process and able to attend day care or pre-kindergarten if she or he has received the first dose of PCV and has appointments for the remaining doses, if further doses are required.

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Current Age	Doses Required By Now	Doses Required in the Future
Less than 2 months	None	4 total at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 12 – 15 months
2 – 3 months	1 dose	3 more (for a total of 4) at ages 4 months, 6 months, and 12 – 15 months
4 – 5 months	2 doses	2 more (for a total of 4) at ages 6 months and 12 – 15 months
6 – 11 months	3 doses OR 2 doses if the child received the first dose at 7 – 11 months of age	1 more (for a total of 4) at age 12 – 15 months OR 1 more (for a total of 3) at age 12 – 15 months
12 – 23 months	4 doses with the final dose on or after age 12 months OR 3 doses if the child received only 1 or 2 doses prior to age 12 months OR 2 doses if the child is unvaccinated or received the first dose on or after age 12 months	None
24 – 59 months	4 doses with the final dose on or after age 12 months OR 3 doses if the child received 2 or 3 doses prior to age 24 months of which 1 or 2 were received before age 12 months OR 2 doses if the child received the first dose at age 12 – 23 months or received only 1 dose prior to age 24 months OR 1 dose if the child is unvaccinated or received 1 dose on or after age 24 months	None
60 months (5 years) or older	Not required for children 60 months (5 years) of age or older	