Varicella Vaccine Requirements for Childcare and School (K–12) as of May 2025

https://www.immunize.org/official-guidance/state-policies/vaccine-requirements/varicella-child-school-2025

An empty box in this table indicates a "NO" answer

	CHILDCARE				SCHOOL					
Jurisdiction	**Required?**	**Number of doses required**	**Year first implemented**	**Comment**	**Required?**	**Grade(s) included**	**Number of doses required**	**Year first implemented**	**Historical note**	**Comment**
Alabama	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	1–2	2001		2 doses required if dose 1 given at age 13 or older
Alaska	yes	1	2001		yes	K–6	2	2009		
Arizona	yes	1	2005		yes	K–12	1–2	2005		2 doses required if dose 1 given at age 13 or older
Arkansas	yes	1	2000		yes	K–7	2	2000		
California	yes	1	2001		yes	K–12	2	2001		
Colorado	yes	age-appropriate	2000		yes	K–12	2	2000	2000: K–6 2006: Gr 7–12	
Connecticut	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	2	2000		
Delaware	yes	1	2002		yes	K–12	2	2003	2003: K–6 2009: Gr 7–12	
District of Columbia	yes	1	1997		yes	K–12	2	1997		
Florida	yes	1	2001		yes	K–12	2	2001		
Georgia	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	2	2000		
Hawaii	yes	1	2002		yes	K–12	2	2002		
Idaho	yes	1	2011		yes	K–12	2	2002		
Illinois	yes	1	2002		yes	K–12	2	2002		
Indiana	yes	1	2003		yes	K–12	2	2004		
Iowa	yes	1	2004		yes	K–12	2	2004	2004: K–6 2009: Gr 7–12	

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Kansas	yes	1–2	2009	Dose 2 required at age 4 years or older	yes	K–12	2	2004	2004: K–6 2010: Gr 7–12	
Kentucky	yes	1	2001		yes	K–12	2	2001	2001: K–6 2009: Gr 7–12	
Louisiana	yes	1	2003		yes	K–12	2	2003		
Maine	yes	1	2002	Dose required by age 16 months	yes	K–12	2	2003		
Maryland	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	1–2	2001		K–11: 2 doses required Gr 12: 1 dose required
Massachusetts	yes	1	1999		yes	K–12	2	1999		
Michigan	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	2	2002		
Minnesota	yes	1	2004		yes	K–12	2	2004		
Mississippi	yes	1	2002		yes	K–6	2	2002		
Missouri	yes	1	2001		yes	K–12	2	2002	2005: K–6 2011: Gr 7–12	
Montana	yes	1	2015		yes	K–12	2	2015		
Nebraska	yes	1	2004		yes	K–12	2	2004		
Nevada	yes	1–2	2007	Dose 2 required at age 4 years or older	yes	K–6	2	2003		
New Hampshire	yes	1	2003		yes	K–6	2	2003		

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New Jersey	yes	1	2004	Dose required at age 19 months or older	yes	K–12	1	2004		
New Mexico	yes	1–2	2000	Dose 2 required at age 4 years or older	yes	K–12	2	2002	2002: K–6 2008: Gr 7–12	
New York	yes	age-appropriate	1999		yes	K–12	2	2003	2003: K–6 2005: Gr 7–12	
North Carolina	yes	1	2002		yes	K–12	2	2006	2006: K–6 2012: Gr 7–12	
North Dakota	yes	1	2004		yes	K–12	2	2004	2004: K–6 2010: Gr 7–12	
Ohio	yes	age-appropriate	2015		yes	K–12	2	2006		
Oklahoma	yes	1	1998		yes	K–12	1	1998	1998: K–6 2004: Gr 7–12	
Oregon	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	1	2000		2 doses required if dose 1 given at age 13 or older
Pennsylvania	yes	1	1997		yes	K, Gr 7, Gr 12	2	2002		2 doses or evidence of immunity
Rhode Island	yes	1	1999		yes	K–12	2	1999		
South Carolina	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	2	2001	2001: K–6 2007: Gr 7–12	
South Dakota	yes	1	2016		yes	K–12	2	2000		

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Tennessee	yes	1	1999		yes	K–12	2	2002	2002: K–6 2010: Gr 7–12	
Texas	yes	1	2000		yes	K–12	2	2000		
Utah	yes	1	2008		yes	K–12	2	2002	2002: K–6 2007: Gr 7–12	
Vermont	yes	1	2011		yes	K–12	2	2008		
Virginia	yes	age-appropriate	1999		yes	K–12	2	1999		
Washington	yes	age-appropriate	2006	children in preschool/ transitional K who are age 4 years on September 1 of the school year need 2 doses	yes	K–6	2	2006	2006: K–6 2008: Gr 7–12	
West Virginia	yes	1–2	2000	Dose 1: required at age 15 – 17 months Dose 2: required at age 18 months – 5 years	yes	K–6	2	2008		
Wisconsin	yes	1	2001	2024: parent report of varicella disease no longer acceptable	yes	K–12	2	2001	2001: K–6 2004: Gr 7–12	2024: parent report of varicella disease no longer acceptable

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Wyoming	yes	age-appropriate	2010		yes	K–12	2	2010		

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