

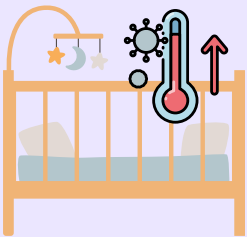
Preventing Infections in Our Community

Why should I get my child vaccinated?

- Vaccines help prevent serious illnesses like measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, polio, and more. With vaccine preventable illnesses on the rise, it is more important than ever to stay protected.
- **Getting vaccinated is much safer than getting the disease**, as it lowers the risk of your child being hospitalized or having long-term health problems.

What should I do if my child is sick?

1. **Keep your child home**, out of school, daycare, or group care to prevent spreading illness.
2. **Monitor their symptoms and contact a healthcare provider** to receive care if symptoms worsen.
3. **Let the care site know if your child has an infectious illness**, so other families can take precautions.
4. **Use medications as prescribed** and complete the full course of treatment.
5. Your child can **return to daycare or group care once symptoms are gone** and they're feeling better.



Vaccination is a safe and powerful way to keep your child healthy and in childcare.



Seek immediate medical care if your child has:

- Trouble breathing
- High or persistent fever
- Severe pain, vomiting, or dehydration
- Unusual sleepiness or confusion

Where can I find more information?

- Call your child's doctor if you have questions or are looking for vaccines.
- Call the Mayor's Health Line at [617-534-5050](tel:617-534-5050) or [1-800-847-0710](tel:1-800-847-0710) (Toll-free) if your child does not have a doctor or if you are looking for vaccines.
 - This is a free, confidential, multilingual health information and referral service for everyone regardless of insurance or immigration status.
- Visit [Boston.gov/Infectious-Diseases](https://www.boston.gov/Infectious-Diseases) for more information about how to keep your family safe and [Boston.gov/Measles](https://www.boston.gov/Measles) for more information about measles.

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Which vaccines should my child receive before entering early education and care?

- To enroll in childcare and school, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires* children to receive the following vaccines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases:

Vaccines by Age 2	Vaccine	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4
	DTap	X	X	X	X
	Hib	X	X	X	X
	Polio	X	X	X	
	Hepatitis B	X	X	X	
	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	X			
	Varicella (Chickenpox)	X			

Vaccines by Age 5	Vaccine	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4	Dose 5
	DTap/Tdap	X	X	X	X	X
	Hib	X	X	X	X	
	Polio	X	X	X	X	
	Hepatitis B	X	X	X		
	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	X	X			
	Varicella (Chickenpox)	X	X			

*Parents must provide documentation if a medical or religious exemption is requested for their child.