

Childcare Workers

Recommended vaccines for childcare workers ^A	
All routine vaccines	Immunize according to routine schedule.
Hepatitis B vaccine	Publicly funded for staff in childcare settings in which there is a child infected with hepatitis B.
Influenza vaccine	Immunize yearly.

Childcare workers have unique and intense exposures to young children on a daily basis. Persons in the childcare field who will be providing direct childcare should have written proof of vaccinations previously received. Maintenance of an up-to-date immunization status is vital to protect the health of both childcare workers and the children in their care.

Hepatitis A vaccine is not routinely recommended for childcare workers. Prevention of hepatitis A transmission within a childcare facility should be based on the use of good hygiene practices, especially proper hand washing.

The priority for all childcare workers should be to ensure that all routine immunizations, including booster doses, are completed and booster doses are provided as needed on an ongoing basis.

Guidelines for Childcare Worker Immunization Programs

It is the responsibility of the employer to:

- Assess the immunization status of each worker at the time of initial employment.
- Obtain full vaccination history, including documentation of the doses received and dates of administration.
- Offer immunization at the earliest opportunity to persons who cannot provide acceptable information or evidence of adequate immunity.
- Maintain records of all immunizations and serologic tests. The employee should also keep these records.
- Institute an immunization recall system.

^A For specific vaccine schedule information, refer to [Part 4 - Biological Products](#).