



## IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

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  3. **Pertussis**—4 doses
  4. **Tetanus**—4 doses
  5. **Polio**—4 doses—4<sup>th</sup> dose must be 6 months after 3<sup>rd</sup> dose, and/or on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
  6. **Hepatitis B**—3 doses – 3<sup>rd</sup> dose must be after 6 months of age
  7. **Measles\***—2 doses of live attenuated measles vaccine administered at 12 months of age or older, or measles proved by serological evidence
  8. **Mumps\***—2 doses of live attenuated mumps vaccine at 12 months of age or older, or physician diagnosis of mumps disease indicated by a written record by a physician or his/her designee
- \*Frequently, the measles & mumps vaccines are combined together with Rubella into an MMR vaccine given to children at least 12 months of age.

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1. Medical reason – a written statement from your doctor stating the medical reason. Notice is to be kept on file.
2. Religious reason – a written statement from the parent/guardian stating their reasons. Notice is to be kept on file.

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