

How to Catch up on Missing Immunizations to Meet Vermont's Child Care and School Requirements

Vermont's Immunization Rule, adopted pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 1123, requires that before entry, children/students must have all required immunizations unless exempt for medical or religious reasons.

Children/students without all doses of required vaccines may be provisionally admitted without an exemption if the child/student has a scheduled appointment to receive the missing vaccine(s), consistent with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) catch-up immunization schedule](#).

The catch-up schedule for children/students starting late or missing doses of vaccine is specific to the age at which vaccination begins, the history of any previously received doses, and follows guidance for catch-up timing from the CDC. Shots received years ago count and do not need to be repeated. Alternate or delayed vaccination schedules are not acceptable.

The Provisional Admittance section of the [Notice of Missing Immunizations](#) form must be signed by a health care provider and submitted by the parent/guardian to the child care program or school upon entry. The period of provisional admittance may not exceed six months. Long term provisional admittance is not allowed.

More information about CDC's catch up immunization schedule, provisional admittance, and medical and religious exemption forms can be found on the [Department of Health website](#).