



Hepatitis B – Two Schedules Acceptable

We are getting a lot of questions about the two-dose Hepatitis B series. The two-dose Hepatitis B series is an **alternate schedule only for adolescents** who were not previously immunized. This option was licensed in order for adolescents to complete the series in less time and with only two visits.

The two-dose vaccine series is only licensed to be given to children between 11 and 15 years of age and the two doses must be four months apart. The Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) must be properly marked to show the two dose series.

Students DO NOT need both series. If a student has one of the series completed properly, that student's immunization status for Hepatitis B is "compliant."

Below you'll find examples of what both series might look like for a 12 year old student. Of course, only one series is needed and either is acceptable for school requirements.

Birthdate
8-16-96

← 12 years old

Immunization	Type of Vaccine	Dose	Date Given		
			Month	Day	Year
HEP B (HBV) Hepatitis B		1	08	16	1996
		2	09	16	1996
		3	05	25	1997
		4			

3 dose series

← Birth

← nine months

OR if not immunized as a child:

Immunization	Type of Vaccine	Dose	Date Given		
			Month	Day	Year
HEP B (HBV) Hepatitis B	10 mcg	1	02	12	2008
	10 mcg	2	06	12	2008
		3			
		4			

2 dose series

← 11 ½ years

← four months apart