



Montana Childcare Review (MCR) Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When are the childcare facility reviews due?

A: Reviews are due by June 30th of each year, starting July 1st (fiscal year), however reviews should be completed through-out the year.

Q: Where do I enter the reviews?

A: Reviews are entered online at <https://mcr.hhs.mt.gov/Facility/Search>.

Q: How do I find a list of the facilities to review in my county?

A: Facility lists can be pulled from the MCR website: <https://mcr.hhs.mt.gov/Facility/Search>.

Q: Are religious exemptions accepted in licensed childcare facilities?

A: Yes, for Hib only. [Link to Religious Exemption](#)

Q: Are staff required to have vaccines?

A: Yes, staff must provide documentation of at least one dose of Tdap vaccine, and for all adults born in 1957 or after, one dose of MMR vaccine unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccines or laboratory evidence of immunity to each of the three diseases. [MCR 37.95.184](#)

Q: Is there a religious exemption for staff?

A: No, religious exemptions are for Hib only for children attending the facility.

Q: When is a follow-up review required?

A: If the facility is not 100% compliant, the follow-up procedure should be followed. Follow up procedure can be found under the “How to Guides” on the MCR website.

Q: Does the child and staff documentation need to be located at the facility?

A: Yes, the documentation must be present at the facility to be reviewed as needed.

Q: Do STARS facilities receive their certificates?

A: No, certificates are no longer needed for STARS licensed facilities.

Q: A facility is listed on the MCR site as being “inactive”, do I still enter a review?

A: If the facility has been contacted and is in fact open, check the license expiration date and enter review if site is “active”. Contact Childcare Licensing if license is expired.

Q: Are volunteers, bus drivers, etc. need to have a documentation of required vaccines?

A: Yes, according to ARM 37.95.184, every employee, volunteer, or resident at a day care facility must: provide documentation of at least one dose of Tdap vaccine, and for all adults born in 1957 or after, one dose of MMR vaccine unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccines or laboratory evidence of immunity to each of the three diseases.