

2026 recommended immunizations for birth through 6 years old

Birth–6 years old

VACCINE OR PREVENTIVE ANTIBODY	BIRTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	7 MONTHS	8 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	18 MONTHS	19 MONTHS	20–23 MONTHS	2–3 YEARS	4–6 YEARS	
RSV antibody	Depends on mother's RSV vaccination status						Depends on child's health status								
Hepatitis B	Dose 1	Dose 2			Dose 3										
Rotavirus			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3										
DTaP			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3				Dose 4					Dose 5	
Hib			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3			Dose 4							
Pneumococcal			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3			Dose 4							
Polio			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3									Dose 4	
COVID-19					Every year										
Influenza (Flu)					Every year. Two doses for some children.										
MMR					6–11 months			Dose 1						Dose 2	
Chickenpox								Dose 1						Dose 2	
Hepatitis A					6–11 months			2 doses							

KEY



ALL children should get this dose of vaccine or preventive antibody at this age.



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NOTES

1. Your family doctor is there to help you choose vaccines and can recommend the right dose(s) and timing for you and your family members.

2. If your child has any medical condition that puts them at higher risk for infection or is traveling outside

the United States, talk to your family doctor about which vaccines are right for your child.

3. Catching up on vaccines: If your child misses a vaccine recommended for their age, talk to your doctor as soon as possible to see how your child can get caught up.

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How each vaccine protects the body

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VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS
RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Pneumonia, inflammation of the small airways in the lung; especially dangerous for infants and young children
Hepatitis B Contagious viral infection of the liver; spread through contact with infected body fluids such as blood or semen	Liver failure, yellow skin or eyes, stomach pain, vomiting, fever, diarrhea, fatigue, death
Rotavirus Contagious viral infection of the gut; spread through the mouth	Severe diarrhea, dehydration, death
Diphtheria* Contagious bacterial infection of the nose and throat; spread through air and direct contact	Thick, gray buildup in throat or nose that makes breathing and swallowing difficult; heart failure; brain injury; coma; death
Pertussis (Whooping cough)* Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airways; spread through air and direct contact	Severe coughing fits, life-threatening pause in breathing, pneumonia, death; especially dangerous for babies
Tetanus (Lockjaw)* Bacterial infection of brain and nerves caused by spores found in soil and dust everywhere. Spores enter the body through wounds or broken skin.	Sudden, involuntary muscle spasms; jaw cramping; seizures; broken bones; difficulty breathing; death
Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type B) Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs, brain and spinal cord, or bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact	Depends on the part of the body infected, but can include brain damage, hearing loss, loss of arm or leg, death
Pneumococcal Bacterial infections of ears, sinuses, lungs or bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact	Depends on the part of the body infected, but can include pneumonia, blood poisoning, infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, death
Polio Contagious viral infection of nerves and brain; spread through the mouth, air and direct contact	Paralysis, death
COVID-19 Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat or lungs; may feel like a cold or flu. Spread through air and direct contact.	Pneumonia; blood clots; liver, heart or kidney damage; long COVID; death
Influenza (Flu) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Pneumonia, sinus and ear infections, worsening of underlying heart or lung conditions, death
Measles (Rubeola)† Contagious viral infection that causes high fever, cough, red eyes, runny nose and rash; spread through air and direct contact	Brain swelling, pneumonia, death
Mumps† Contagious viral infection that causes fever, tiredness, swollen cheeks and tender, swollen jaw; spread through air and direct contact	Brain swelling, painful and swollen testicles or ovaries, deafness, death
Rubella (German measles)† Contagious viral infection that causes low-grade fever, sore throat and rash; spread through air and direct contact	Very dangerous in pregnant people; can cause miscarriage or stillbirth, premature delivery, severe birth defects
Chickenpox (Varicella) Contagious viral infection that causes fever, headache and an itchy, blistering rash; spread through air and direct contact	Infected sores, brain swelling, pneumonia, death
Hepatitis A Contagious viral infection of the liver; spread by contaminated food or drink or close contact with an infected person	Liver failure, yellow skin or eyes, stomach pain, vomiting, fever, diarrhea, fatigue, death

*DTaP protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. †MMR protects against measles, mumps and rubella.

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