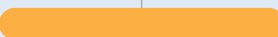
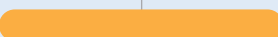


2026 recommended immunizations for children 7–18 years old

7–18 years old

RECOMMENDED VACCINES	7 YEARS	8 YEARS	9 YEARS	10 YEARS	11 YEARS	12 YEARS	13 YEARS	14 YEARS	15 YEARS	16 YEARS	17 YEARS	18 YEARS
COVID-19												
Influenza (Flu)												
RSV												
Tdap												
HPV												
Meningococcal ACWY												
Meningococcal B												
Mpox												
Dengue												

KEY

-  ALL children in age group should get the vaccine
-  SOME children in age group should get the vaccine
-  ALL children in age group can get the vaccine
-  Parents/caregivers should talk to their doctor to decide if this vaccine is right for their child.

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, is traveling outside the United States or is pregnant, 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

7–18 years old

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS
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
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
Tetanus (Lockjaw)* Infection caused by bacterial spores found in soil and dust everywhere. Spores enter the body through wounds or broken skin.	Sudden, involuntary muscle spasms; jaw cramping; seizure; broken bones; difficulty breathing; 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
HPV (Human papillomavirus) Contagious viral infection spread by sexual contact; sometimes causes genital warts	Many types of cancer later in life, including cancers of the cervix, vagina, penis, anus and throat
Meningococcal Contagious bacterial infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord or the bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact	Fever, headache, stiff neck, light sensitivity, confusion, loss of arm or leg, deafness, seizures, death
Mpox Contagious viral infection spread through close skin-to-skin contact, including sexual contact; causes a painful rash, fever, headache, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes	Infected sores, brain swelling, pneumonia, eye infection, blindness, death
Dengue Viral infection spread by bite from infected mosquito; causes fever, headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, joint pain, body ache, nausea, loss of appetite, tiredness, abdominal pain	Severe bleeding; seizures; shock; damage to the liver, heart and lungs; death

*Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

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