

Your child needs vaccines as they grow!

2024 Recommended Immunizations for Birth Through 6 Years Old



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Scan this QR code to find out which vaccines your child might need. Or visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/tool/child.html



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 vaccine 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					At least 1 dose of the current COVID-19 vaccine									
Influenza/Flu					Every year. Two doses for some children									
MMR								Dose 1						Dose 2
Chickenpox								Dose 1						Dose 2
Hepatitis A							2 doses separated by 6 months							

KEY

-  ALL children should be immunized at this age.
-  SOME children should get this dose of vaccine or preventive antibody at this age

Talk to your child's health care provider for more guidance if:

1. Your child has any medical condition that puts them at higher risk for infection.
2. Your child is traveling outside the United States.
3. Your child misses a vaccine recommended for their age.

What diseases do these vaccines protect against?

BIRTH–6 YEARS OLD

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS
<p>RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia) and small airways of the lungs; especially dangerous for infants and young children
<p>Hepatitis B Contagious viral infection of the liver; spread through contact with infected body fluids such as blood or semen</p>	Chronic liver infection, liver failure, liver cancer, death.
<p>Rotavirus Contagious viral infection of the gut; spread through the mouth from hands and food contaminated with stool</p>	Severe diarrhea, dehydration, death
<p>Diphtheria* Contagious bacterial infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death
<p>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)* Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airway; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death; especially dangerous for babies
<p>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</p>	Seizures, broken bones, difficulty breathing, death
<p>Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs, brain and spinal cord, or bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Depends on the part of the body infected, but can include brain damage, hearing loss, loss of arm or leg, death
<p>Pneumococcal Bacterial infections of ears, sinuses, lungs, or bloodstream; spread through direct contact with respiratory droplets like saliva or mucus</p>	Depends on the part of the body infected, but can include infection of the lungs (pneumonia), blood poisoning, infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, death
<p>Polio Contagious viral infection of nerves and brain; spread through the mouth from stool on contaminated hands, food or liquid, and by air and direct contact</p>	Paralysis, death
<p>COVID-19 Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, or lungs; may feel like a cold or flu. Spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia); blood clots; liver, heart or kidney damage; long COVID; death
<p>Influenza (Flu) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), sinus and ear infections, worsening of underlying heart or lung conditions, death
<p>Measles (Rubeola)† Contagious viral infection that causes high fever, cough, red eyes, runny nose, and rash; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Brain swelling, infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death
<p>Mumps† Contagious viral infection that causes fever, tiredness, swollen cheeks, and tender swollen jaw; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Brain swelling, painful and swollen testicles or ovaries, deafness, death
<p>Rubella (German Measles)† Contagious viral infection that causes low-grade fever, sore throat, and rash; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Very dangerous in pregnant people; can cause miscarriage or stillbirth, premature delivery, severe birth defects
<p>Chickenpox (Varicella) Contagious viral infection that causes fever, headache, and an itchy, blistering rash; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infected sores, brain swelling, infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death
<p>Hepatitis A Contagious viral infection of the liver; spread by contaminated food or drink or close contact with an infected person</p>	Liver failure, death

*DTaP protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

†MMR protects against measles, mumps, and rubella