

Your child needs vaccines as they grow!

2024 Recommended Immunizations for Birth Through 6 Years Old



Want to learn more?

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 |
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| 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 |
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| <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