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keep track of your child's **immunizations**

Schedule recommended vaccinations for continued protection

Remember to keep your child's immunizations up to date by referring to this schedule of recommended vaccinations.



Answers to questions about childhood immunization

1. Haven't many of the diseases the vaccines aim to prevent been eradicated? Many diseases are controlled as a result of broad-based vaccination programs. However, cases of communicable diseases continue to be a threat, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends vaccination programs as a preventive health measure.

2. What are the possible side effects of these vaccines? You should speak with your health care provider. Some children may develop a fever or a rash in reaction to certain vaccines, but these side effects are short-lived and can be treated with children's medications to minimize discomfort. Serious reactions are highly unusual.

3. Does my child really need this many injections? Yes, say experts. Vaccinations are necessary to protect your child. Your health care provider may be able to give a combined vaccine to reduce the number of times your child must return to the health care provider's office.

4. How critical is the timing of these vaccines? Several authorities indicate that your child should be given the completed primary series of vaccines before age 2 at intervals recommended by your health care provider to give your child the greatest possible benefit.

5. Will there be a cost associated with getting my child vaccinated? You may be responsible for an office visit copayment. Please refer to your benefits description material for complete details of the terms, limitations, and exclusions of your coverage.

6. Do vaccines containing thimerosal cause autism? The medical and scientific communities have carefully and thoroughly reviewed the evidence concerning the vaccine-autism theory and have found no association between vaccines and autism. If parents have questions or concerns about childhood vaccines, they should talk with their child's health care provider. For more information visit: <http://cdc.gov/features/autismdecision/>

Recommended childhood immunization health record for children up to age 6

Child's name: _____ Birth date: _____

VACCINE*					Check off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vaccinations and record dates received in boxes below.				
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 2 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 RD dose 6 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH dose 15 – 18 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 TH dose 4 – 6 years Date: _____				
Inactivated Poliovirus	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 2 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 RD dose 6 – 18 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH dose 4 – 6 years Date: _____					
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 12 – 15 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 – 6 years Date: _____							
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 2 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 RD dose [†] 6 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH dose 12 – 15 months Date: _____					
Varicella (chickenpox)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 12 – 15 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 – 6 years Date: _____							
Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 12 – 23 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose To be given 6 months after 1st dose Date: _____							
Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose Birth Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 1 – 2 months Date: _____	An additional dose is acceptable at 4 months. Discuss with your health care provider. [†]		<input type="checkbox"/> Final dose 6 – 18 months Date: _____				
Pneumococcal	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 2 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 RD dose 6 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 TH dose 12 – 15 months Date: _____					
Influenza	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose (administered 4 weeks or more from last dose. [‡]) Date: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Annually Date: _____					
Meningococcal	<input type="checkbox"/> Dose Date: _____ Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) is administered to at-risk children 2 – 10 years of age. [†]								
Rotavirus	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ST dose 2 months Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 ND dose 4 months Date: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 RD dose [†] If RV1 is given at 2 and 4 months, it is not needed at 6 months. _____					
Other	Vaccination Name: _____ Date: _____		Vaccination Name: _____ Date: _____		Vaccination Name: _____ Date: _____				

* Please check your child's immunization record, provided by your child's health (which lists all vaccinations given and the dates), against this list. If any immunizations are missing, or if you do not have a record, please call your child's health care provider now and schedule a visit.

[†] There are combination vaccinations, different variations of a similar vaccine, and variations in vaccination schedules available. Children identified at high risk or with certain chronic illnesses may be vaccinated on a different timetable or need additional vaccines, such as influenza, hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and Haemophilus influenzae. Please discuss your child's immunization schedule with your child's health care provider. This schedule is adapted from several nationally recognized sources.

[‡] Administer two doses (separated by four weeks or longer) to children younger who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time or who were vaccinated for the first time last season but who received only one dose. Minimum age is 6 months for trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV).

Temporary shortages of individual vaccines may lead to delay in scheduled immunizations. Have your child "catch up" on any necessary vaccinations as soon as vaccine is available.

Immunization recommendations are constantly changing. These recommendations are current at the time of publishing. Please refer to your benefits description material for the terms, limitations, and exclusions of your health care coverage.