

Your child needs vaccines as they grow!

2026 Recommended Immunizations, from Birth Through 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 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														
Influenza/Flu					Every year (Two doses for some children)									
MMR								Dose 1						Dose 2
Chickenpox								Dose 1						Dose 2
Hepatitis A								Two doses separated by 6 months						

KEY



ALL children should be immunized at this age.



Parents/caregivers should talk to their health care provider to decide if this vaccine is right for their child.



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

Talk to your child's healthcare 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. Visit wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel for more information.
3. Your child misses a vaccine recommended for their age.

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What diseases do these vaccines protect against?

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS	BIRTH-6 YEARS OLD
RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia) and small airways of the lungs; 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	Chronic liver infection, liver failure, liver cancer, death	
Rotavirus Contagious viral infection of the gut; spread through the mouth from hands and food contaminated with stool	Severe diarrhea, dehydration, death	
Diphtheria* Illness caused by a toxin produced by bacteria that infects the nose, throat and sometimes skin	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death	
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)* Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airway; spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (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	Seizures, broken bones, difficulty breathing, death	
Hib (Haemophilus influenza 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 direct contact with respiratory droplets like saliva or mucus	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	
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	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	Infection of the lungs (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	Infection of the lungs (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, infection of the lungs (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 women; 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, infection of the lungs (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, death	