

Immunizations Schedule for Children

This chart shows acceptable age ranges for shots. Ask your child's doctor or clinic to tell you when your child should get shots.

CHILD'S AGE	SHOT
Birth-2 months	Hep B (hepatitis B)
1-4 months	Hep B
2 months	DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), IPV (polio), Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b), PCV (pneumococcal disease)
4 months	DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV
6 months	DTaP, Hib, PCV
6-18 months	Hep B, IPV
6-23 months	Influenza or "flu" (yearly)
12-15 months	Hib, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), PCV
12-18 months	Var (chickenpox)
15-18 months	DTaP
4-6 years (before starting school)	MMR, DTaP, IPV
11-12 years	Td (tetanus, diphtheria); then Td booster every 10 years
Catch-up shot(s)	
24 months-18 years	Var (if your child has not had the chickenpox shot and has never had chickenpox), Hep B (if your child has not had the hepatitis B shots)
11-18 years	MMR (if your child has not had the MMR shots)
13-18 years	Td (if your child has not had the Td shot); then Td booster every 10 years

Note: Certain children may also need: • hepatitis A shots • yearly flu vaccine • additional or catch-up pneumococcal disease shots. Be sure to ask your child's health-care provider if your child needs these and other shots (such as for foreign travel). Close contacts of healthy children ages 0-23 months may need the influenza vaccine yearly.