

# Your child needs vaccines as they grow!

## 2025 Recommended Immunizations for Birth Through 6 Years Old

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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. Visit [wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel) for more information.
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
<b>RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus)</b> 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
<b>Hepatitis B</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
<b>Rotavirus</b> Contagious viral infection of the gut; spread through the mouth from hands and food contaminated with stool	Severe diarrhea, dehydration, death
<b>Diphtheria*</b> Contagious bacterial infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death
<b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)*</b> Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airway; spread through air and direct contact	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death; especially dangerous for babies
<b>Tetanus (Lockjaw)*</b> 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
<b>Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)</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
<b>Pneumococcal</b> 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
<b>Polio</b> 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
<b>COVID-19</b> 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
<b>Influenza (Flu)</b> 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
<b>Measles (Rubeola)†</b> 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
<b>Mumps†</b> 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
<b>Rubella (German Measles)†</b> 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
<b>Chickenpox (Varicella)</b> 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
<b>Hepatitis A</b> Contagious viral infection of the liver; spread by contaminated food or drink or close contact with an infected person	Liver failure, death

\*DTaP protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

†MMR protects against measles, mumps, and rubella