

# AAP Recommended Immunization Schedule – 2026

## Children Birth Through 6 Years Old

	BIRTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	8 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	18 MONTHS	19-23 MONTHS	2-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
RSV	1 dose during RSV season					1 dose during RSV season for those at high risk*						
HepB	Dose 1	Dose 2		Dose 3								
RV			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					
PCV			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3		Dose 4					
IPV			Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3							Dose 5
COVID-19					Recommended for age group						As recommended**	
Influenza					Yearly							
MMR							Dose 1					Dose 2
Varicella							Dose 1					Dose 2
HepA							Dose 2: 6 months after dose 1					

For more information from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), visit their parenting website at [healthychildren.org/immunizationschedules](https://www.healthychildren.org/immunizationschedules).

\*<https://www.healthychildren.org/rsv>

\*\*<https://www.healthychildren.org/covid-19>



# What diseases do these vaccines protect against?

BIRTH–6 YEARS OLD

VACCINE	VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS
<b>RSV</b>	<b>RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus)</b> Virus that causes respiratory infections and severe illness	RSV is the top cause of hospitalization for babies. Infections in the chest or lungs can cause wheezing and difficulty breathing.
<b>HepB</b>	<b>Hepatitis B</b> Virus that can damage the liver and lead to lifelong health problems	HepB can spread easily. People who are infected with hepatitis B as a baby have a 90% chance of developing serious, chronic conditions like liver damage and liver cancer in their lifetime. People who do not know they are infected can transmit the infection through close contact with babies and young children.
<b>RV</b>	<b>Rotavirus</b> Virus that is the main cause of severe diarrhea in children and spreads very easily — on your hands, soiled diapers or toys, and to a lesser extent through the air	Before the vaccine, rotavirus infections were the main cause of severe diarrhea. Children with rotavirus can become so dehydrated that they need hospital care.
<b>DTaP*</b>	<b>Diphtheria*</b> Disease that can cause a life-threatening throat infection	Diphtheria can cause a serious throat infection, breathing problems, and heart failure even in healthy children. Before we had a vaccine, diphtheria killed 1 out of every 5 children who were infected.
<b>DTaP*</b>	<b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)*</b> Highly contagious respiratory infection that causes strong coughing	Pertussis, also called whooping cough, causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. Babies with pertussis may need hospital care and are at risk of death.
<b>DTaP*</b>	<b>Tetanus (Lockjaw)*</b> Infection caused by bacteria in soil or dust that you can be exposed to through any break in the skin	Tetanus causes painful muscle spasms. Another name for tetanus is "lockjaw," because it can cause a person's neck and jaw muscles to lock, making it hard to open the mouth or swallow.
<b>Hib</b>	<b>Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)</b> Infection that can cause several types of life-threatening illness	Hib infections can cause ear infections, lung infections, and swelling in the throat or the lining of brain and spinal cord (meningitis) that can be life threatening. Hib is not the same as influenza, even though it has influenzae in its name.
<b>PCV</b>	<b>Pneumococcal</b> Disease caused by bacteria that can invade the lungs, bloodstream, and tissue around the brain	Pneumococcal disease can cause pneumonia, an overwhelming infection called sepsis, and, in severe cases when the bacteria invade the tissue around the brain, meningitis. It can also cause ear infections. Since we have had this vaccine, the number of kids developing all of these illnesses has dropped dramatically.
<b>Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)</b>	<b>Polio</b> Disease caused by a highly contagious virus that spreads easily	Polio can cause paralysis or death and causes severe problems in infants and young children more often than other age groups.
<b>COVID-19</b>	<b>COVID-19</b> Respiratory virus that continues to cause serious symptoms and hospitalization	Children younger than 2 years old and older children with underlying health conditions are at highest risk for severe COVID-19 and hospitalization. COVID vaccines are updated to work best against strains of the virus that are circulating. Getting vaccinated is the most dependable way to avoid serious illness and Long COVID.
<b>Influenza</b>	<b>Influenza (Flu)</b> Respiratory virus that can cause serious illness	Even healthy kids can develop severe complications from the flu that require a hospital stay. Flu viruses change from year to year, so everyone 6 months and older are recommended to get a flu shot each year.
<b>MMR†</b>	<b>Measles (Rubeola)†</b> Extremely contagious disease caused by a virus	Measles is one of the most contagious diseases in the world. Measles infection can lead to serious health problems, especially in babies and young children. The virus can live for up to 2 hours in the air where an infected person has been. Unvaccinated people who enter that space during that time have a 90% chance of getting infected.
<b>MMR†</b>	<b>Mumps†</b> Viral disease that spreads easily when someone coughs or sneezes	The vaccine prevents severe disease and long-lasting problems like infertility or permanent hearing loss. If a vaccinated child gets infected, their symptoms are likely to be much milder and not develop into swelling of the brain and spinal cord covering or swelling of the testicles or ovaries.
<b>MMR†</b>	<b>Rubella (German Measles)†</b> Contagious infection caused by a virus	Vaccination can prevent your child from getting sick and spreading rubella to a pregnant woman. A rubella infection during pregnancy can cause miscarriage or birth defects for the baby.
<b>Varicella</b>	<b>Varicella (Chickenpox)</b> Causes an itchy rash all over the body	Varicella, commonly known as chickenpox, causes a very itchy rash in milder cases and can cause a child to miss a week or more of school. Before the vaccine, more than 10,000 Americans were hospitalized and more than 100 died each year from serious complications.
<b>HepA</b>	<b>Hepatitis A</b> Serious infection of the liver	Hepatitis A is an acute liver infection that can cause mild to severe illness and spreads through contaminated food or water or close contact with an infected person, including those without symptoms.

\*DTaP vaccine combines protection against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. † MMR vaccine combines protection against measles, mumps and rubella.

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