

Why are immunizations so important?

Immunizations are shots that help the body fight diseases. Each shot fights a different disease like chickenpox, measles, or mumps. Kids need shots to fight disease and to be ready for school. Talk to a doctor about the shots your kid needs to be protected from diseases.

Remember, these shots are covered at no cost to you!

Here's a look at the standard shot schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

BIRTH	Hepatitis B (HepB) *Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV-mAB [Nirsevimab])	1-2 MONTHS	HepB (2nd Dose)
2 MONTHS	Rotavirus (RV) Diphtheria, Tetanus Acellular Pertussis (DTaP) Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib) Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV15, PCV20) Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV)	4 MONTHS	RV (2nd Dose) DTaP (2nd Dose) Hib (2nd Dose) PCV15, PCV20 (2nd Dose) IPV (2nd Dose)
FOR 6 MONTHS	HepB (3rd Dose 6-18 months) RV (3rd Dose) DTaP (3rd Dose), Hib (3rd Dose) PCV15, PCV20 (3rd Dose) IPV (3rd Dose 6-18 months)	12-15 MONTHS	Hib (4th Dose) PCV15, PCV20 (4th Dose) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Varicella (VAR) Hepatitis A (HepA)
15-18 MONTHS	DTaP (4th Dose)	18 MONTHS	HepA (2nd Dose) Totals of 2 doses: 12-23 months
4-6 YEARS	DTaP (5th Dose) IPV (4th Dose) MMR (2nd Dose) VAR (2nd Dose)	9 YEARS	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) For best protection, complete two doses 6-12 months apart between the ages of 9-12
11-12 YEARS	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap), Meningococcal (1st Dose)	16 YEARS	Meningococcal (2nd Dose)

Influenza (Flu Shot) Yearly: 6 months to 18 years

Children ages 6 months to 8 years need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart (in the same flu season) for best protection if it is the first time they have ever gotten a flu shot or if they have only ever gotten one dose before.

*RSV Shot: One shot for infants to protect them during RSV season; ask your baby's doctor if your baby needs this shot at birth or at the beginning of their first RSV season.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Starting at age 6 months; talk to your child's doctor.

Doctors may choose different types of vaccines that have different dosages. If your child has a special condition, doctors may recommend different timing and dosages. Talk to your child's doctor for more information.