



# Immunization Checklist for Children

Keep a copy of this chart. Your child will need it for school.

All children aged 6 to 59 months should also get a flu shot every year.<sup>1</sup>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

By the time children are 2, they should have had all the **immunizations** in the chart below.<sup>1</sup> Take this to your child's well-baby doctor visits. Have the doctor or nurse fill in a date for each immunization your child gets. If your child misses any, reschedule right away.

### Immunization

Becoming immune to (protected from) a disease. Immunizations are usually vaccinations. They are also called vaccines or shots. The polio immunization is swallowed like medicine.

## Vaccines for Children

Vaccine	Dose 1 date	Dose 2 date	Dose 3 date	Dose 4 date
Hepatitis B (HepB)				X
Rotavirus				X
Diphtheria, tetanus, & pertussis (DTaP)				
Haemophilus influenza type b (HIB)				*
Pneumococcal (PCV)				
Polio (IPV)				X
Measles, mumps, & rubella (MMR)		X	X	X
Varicella (chickenpox)		X	X	X
Hepatitis A (HepA)			X	X

\* The 4th dose of Hib may not be needed. Talk with your doctor.





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## What Do Immunizations Protect Against?

Immunizations can protect your child from getting diseases that can be very serious. Before there were vaccines, these diseases killed thousands of children in America every year. Many more children were harmed for life.

**Dehydration** (dee-hie-dray-shun)—Losing too much water from your body.

**Paralysis** (per-al-uh-sis)—Losing movement in parts of your body.

**Pneumonia** (nuh-moan-yuh)—A serious lung infection.

### Diphtheria (dif-theer-ee-uh)

- A disease spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause coma or death.

### Haemophilus (huh-maw-full-us) influenza type b (Hib)

- An infection spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause brain damage or death.

### Hepatitis A

- A liver disease spread by stool of an infected person.
- Can cause fever, weakness, and nausea. Symptoms can last many months.

### Hepatitis B

- A liver disease spread by blood or fluid of an infected person.
- Can cause lifelong liver problems. Can lead to liver cancer.

### Influenza (flu)

- An illness spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause pneumonia, ear infection, or dehydration.

### Measles

- An infection spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause pneumonia, brain damage, seizures, or death.

### Mumps

- A disease spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause brain infection or deafness.

### Pertussis (purr-tuss-us) (whooping cough)

- An infection spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause pneumonia or death.

### Pneumococcal (new-mo-cockle) Disease

- An infection spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause pneumonia, brain infection, or death.

### Polio

- A disease spread by stool of an infected person.
- Can cause paralysis or death.

### Rotavirus (ro-tuh-virus)

- An infection spread by stool of an infected person.
- Can cause severe diarrhea or dehydration.

### Rubella (ru-bell-uh)

- A disease spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause severe birth defects in babies whose mothers are infected during pregnancy.

### Tetanus (lockjaw)

- A disease that comes from bacteria in the soil. It enters the body through a cut or wound.
- Can cause lockjaw, seizures, or death.

### Varicella (vair-uh-sell-uh) (chickenpox)

- A disease spread by coughing & sneezing.
- Can cause brain swelling or pneumonia.

## Reference

1. CDC. "Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0-18 Years—United States, 2007." Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm5551-Immunization.pdf>. Accessed June 21, 2007.

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