

When to Get Shots for Children and Adolescents

Age Group	Hep B hepatitis B	DTP diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Polio	MMR measles, mumps, rubella	Hib <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , type b	Varicella (chickenpox)	PCV pneumococcal vaccine	Hep A hepatitis A	MCV4 meningococcal conjugate	Rotavirus	HPV Human Papilloma Virus	Influenza (flu)
Birth	✓											
2 months	✓ 1-2 months after the first hep B shot	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓		
4 months		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓		
6 months		✓			✓		✓			✓		
12-23 months	✓ 6-18 months	✓ 15-18 months	✓ 6-18 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-18 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓✓ 2 shots at least 6 months apart				✓ Each fall 6 months to 5 years*
4-6 years	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
11-12 years	3 shots if child did not get shots previously	✓				✓✓ 2 shots if child did not get shots previously or did not get disease			✓ If child did not receive at 11-12 years, give at high school entry (15 years)		✓✓✓ 3 shots at 0, 2, and 6 month intervals	
State law requires these shots for enrollment in:	Grades K&7	Childcare Grades K-12	Childcare Grades K- 12	Childcare Grades K-12	Childcare	Childcare Grades K&7	Childcare, ages 2-24 months					

This schedule may vary a bit, depending on your specific doctor and your child.

Please note: Children 2 years of age and older may need additional vaccines (e.g., pneumococcal polysaccharide, meningococcal polysaccharide, or influenza). Talk to your healthcare provider.

* Children through age 8 years receiving influenza for the first time need 2 shots at least 4 weeks apart. Children with risk factors should receive the flu shot every year.

Minnesota law requires written proof of these scheduled shots for children who attend a licensed childcare program or school grades K-12, with some exceptions. If a child has a medical reason or if his/her parents are conscientiously opposed to any or all of the scheduled shots, a legal exemption is available. To file a legal exemption, you must complete a form, which is available at childcare centers and schools.



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