

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	MCV meningococcal conjugate	Rotavirus	HPV Human Papilloma- virus	Influenza (flu)
Birth	✓											
2 months	✓ 1-2 months after the first hep B shot	✓ (DTaP)	✓		✓		✓			✓		
4 months		✓ (DTaP)	✓		✓*		✓			✓		
6 months		✓ (DTaP)				✓		✓		✓*		
12-18 months	✓ 6-18 months	✓ (DTaP) 15-18 months	✓ 6-18 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓✓ 2 shots at least 6 months apart				✓ Each fall***
4-6 years**		✓ (DTaP)	✓	✓		✓						
11-12 years**		✓ (Tdap)							✓		✓✓✓ 3 shots at 0, 1-2, and 6 month intervals	
16 years									✓			
State law requires these shots for enrollment in:	Grades K&7	Child care Grades K-12	Child care Grades K-12	Child care Grades K-12 (Must be given on or after child's first birthday)	Child care	Child care Grades K&7 (Must be given on or after child's first birthday)	Child care, ages 2-24 months					

*The number of doses depends on the product your doctor uses.

**It's not too late! If your child has fallen behind on their shots, talk to your doctor or clinic to catch them up.

Children who have certain medical conditions may need additional vaccines (e.g., pneumococcal polysaccharide or meningococcal conjugate). Talk to your doctor or clinic.

***Influenza: All children age 6 months through 18 years should get a yearly flu vaccination—especially those with risk factors like asthma and diabetes. If a child is younger than 9 years old and is receiving flu vaccine for the first time, they need 2 shots at least 4 weeks apart.

Minnesota law requires written proof of certain shots for children in licensed child care or school grades K-12. However, if a child has a medical reason or if his/her parents are conscientiously opposed to any or all of the shots, a legal exemption is available. To file an exemption you must fill out a form, which you can get at child care centers and schools.



Immunization Program
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975
651-201-5503, 1-800-657-3970
www.health.state.mn.us/immunize

IC#141-0196 (8/2012)