

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	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓		
4 months	1-2 months after the first hep B shot	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓		
6 months		✓			✓		✓			✓		
12-18 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				
4-6 years		✓	✓	✓		✓						✓ Each fall*
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			✓		✓✓✓ 3 shots at 0, 2, and 6 month intervals	
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					

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

Children 2 years of age and older may need additional vaccines (e.g., pneumococcal polysaccharide, meningococcal polysaccharide, or influenza). 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.



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