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** *Haemophilus influenzae* type b	**Varicella** (chickenpox)	**PCV** pneumococcal vaccine	**Hep A** hepatitis A	**MCV4** meningococcal conjugate	**Influenza** (flu)
Birth	✓									
2 months	✓ 1-2 months after the first hep B	✓	✓		✓		✓			
4 months		✓	✓		✓		✓			
6 months	✓ 6-18 months	✓	✓ 6-18 months		✓		✓			✓ Each fall 6-23 months*
12-23 months		✓ 15-18 months		✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓ 12-18 months	✓ 12-15 months	✓✓ 2 doses at least 6 months apart		
4-6 years	✓✓✓ 3 shots if child did not get shots previously	✓	✓	✓		If child did not get disease or vaccination previously, give ✓ through 12 years of age ✓✓ at or after 13 years of age				
11-12 years		✓							✓	
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 receiving influenza for the first time need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart.

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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