Why Are Immunizations So Important?

Immunizations are shots that help the body fight diseases. Each shot fights a different disease like chickenpox, measles, or mumps. Kids need shots to fight disease and to be ready for school.

Talk to a doctor about the shots your kid needs to be protected from diseases. **Remember, these shots are covered at no cost to you.**

Here's a look at the shot schedule recommended by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**

BIRTH
Hepatitis B (HepB)

1-2 MONTHS
HepB (2nd Dose)

2 MONTHS
Rotavirus (RV)

Diptheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)

Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)

Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)

Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV)

4 MONTHS
RV (2nd Dose)

DTaP (2nd Dose)

Hib (2nd Dose)

PCV13 (2nd Dose)

IPV (2nd Dose)

6 MONTHS
HepB (3rd Dose 6-18 months)

RV (3rd Dose)

DTaP (3rd Dose)

Hib (3rd Dose)

PCV13 (3rd Dose)

IPV (3rd Dose 6-18 months)

12-15 MONTHS
Hib (4th Dose)

PCV13 (4th Dose)

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Varicella (VAR)

Hepatitis A (HepA)

15-18 MONTHS
DTaP (4th Dose)

18 MONTHS
HepA (2nd Dose) Total of 2 doses: 12-23 months

Influenza (Flu Shot) Yearly: 6 months to 18 years
Some kids under 8 may get 2 flu shots every year

Doctors may choose different types of vaccines that may have different dosages. So your child may or may not get an extra dose of some immunizations. Talk to your doctor for more information.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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2 YEARS

4-6 YEARS

DTaP (5th Dose)

IPV (4th Dose)

MMR (2nd Dose)

VAR (2nd Dose)

11-12 YEARS

Tetanus, Diptheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)

Meningococcal

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) 2 doses

Most children will get their HPV shot at age 11. Some children with certain risk factors can get the HPV shot as early as age 9. Some children may need a 3rd dose. Talk to your doctor to find out what is best for your child.

16 YEARS

Meningococcal

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