Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices publishes schedules with its recommendations for routine vaccination of children and adolescents, for catch-up vaccination, and for vaccination of persons with high-risk medical conditions (e.g., HIV infection) or under special circumstances (e.g., pregnancy).

CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE

Immunizations from birth through 18 years of age (Tables 1 & 2). Six weeks is now the minimum age for giving meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV). While this adjustment reflects licensure of Hib-MenCY vaccine, the start time for meningococcal vaccination depends on the actual vaccine used: MCV4-D starts at 9 months, and MCV4-CRM starts at ≥2 years. MCV minimum ages were also updated in the catch-up schedule (Table 2).

The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) was added to the schedule (Table 1) and may be given anytime from 2–18 years of age.

Footnotes to Tables (verso)

1. Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine. (Minimum age: birth)
   Routine vaccination:
   • At birth
     • Administer monovalent HepB vaccine to all newborns before hospital discharge.
   • For infants born to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive mothers, administer HepB vaccine and 0.5 mL of hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth. These infants should be tested for HBsAg and antibody to HBsAg (anti-HBs) 1 to 2 months after completion of the HepB series, at age 9 through 18 months (preferably at the next well-child visit).
   • If mother’s HBsAg status is unknown, within 12 hours of birth administer HepB vaccine to all infants regardless of birth weight. For infants weighing <2,000 grams, administer HBIG in addition to HepB within 12 hours of birth. Determine mother’s HBsAg status as soon as possible and, if she is HBsAg-positive, also administer HBIG for infants weighing ≥2,000 grams (no later than age 1 week).
   Doses following the birth dose:
   • The second dose should be administered at age 1 or 2 months. Monovalent HepB vaccine should be used for doses administered before age 6 weeks.
   • Infants who did not receive a birth dose should receive 3 doses of a HepB-containing vaccine on a schedule of 0, 1 to 2 months, and 6 months starting as soon as feasible. See Table 2.
   • The minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2 is 4 weeks and between dose 2 and 3 is 8 weeks. The final (third or fourth) dose in the HepB vaccine series should be administered no earlier than age 24 weeks, and at least 16 weeks after the first dose.
   • Administration of a total of 4 doses of HepB vaccine is recommended when a combination vaccine containing HepB is administered after the birth dose.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Unvaccinated persons should complete a 3-dose series.
   • A 2-dose series (doses separated by at least 4 months) of adult formulation Recombivax HB is licensed for use in children aged 11 through 15 years.
   • For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.
2. Rotavirus (RV) vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 weeks for both RV-1 [Rotarix] and RV-5 [RotaTeq]).
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer a series of RV vaccine to all infants as follows:
     1. If RV-1 is used, administer a 2-dose series at 2 and 4 months of age.
     2. If RV-5 is used, administer a 3-dose series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months.
     3. If any dose in series was RV-5 or vaccine product is unknown for any dose in the series, a total of 3 doses of RV vaccine should be administered.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • The maximum age for the first dose in the series is 14 weeks, 6 days.
   • Vaccination should not be initiated for infants aged 15 weeks 0 days or older.
   • The maximum age for the final dose in the series is 8 months, 0 days.
   • If RV-1 (Rotarix) is administered for the first and second doses, a third dose is not indicated.
   • For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.
3. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer a 3-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 15–18 months, and 4 through 6 years. The fourth dose may be administered as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose.
   • The fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not necessary if the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older.
   • For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.
4. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (Minimum age: 10 years for Boostrix, 11 years for Adacel).
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer 1 dose of Tdap vaccine to all adolescents aged 11 through 12 years.
   • Tdap can be administered regardless of the interval since the last tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine.
   • Administer one dose of Tdap vaccine to pregnant adolescents during each pregnancy (preferably during 27 through 36 weeks gestation) regardless of number of years from prior Td or Tdap vaccination.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Persons aged 7 through 10 years who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series, should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td vaccine. For these children, an adolescent Tdap vaccine should not be given.
   • Persons aged 11 through 18 years who have not received Tdap vaccine should receive a dose followed by tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) booster doses every 10 years thereafter.
   • An inadvertent dose of DTaP vaccine administered to children aged 7 through 10 years can count as part of the catch-up series. This dose can count as the adolescent Tdap dose, or the child can later receive a Tdap booster dose at age 11–12 years.
4. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer a Hib vaccine primary series and a booster dose to all infants. The primary series doses should be administered at 2, 4, and 6 months of age; however, if PRP-OMP (PedvaxHib or Comvax) is administered at 2 and 4 months of age, a dose at age 6 months is not indicated. One booster dose should be administered at age 12 through 15 months. Hiberial (PRP-T) should only be used for the booster (final) dose in children aged 12 months through 4 years, who have received at least 1 dose of Hib.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • If dose 1 was administered at ages 12-14 months, administer booster (as final dose) at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
   • If the first 2 doses were PRP-OMP (PedvaxHib or Comvax), and were administered at age 11 months or younger, the third (and final) dose should be administered at age 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
   • If the first dose was administered at age 7 through 11 months, administer the second dose at least 4 weeks later and a final dose at age 12 through 15 months, regardless of Hib vaccine (PRP-T or PRP-OMP) used for first dose.
   • For unvaccinated children aged 15 months or older, administer only 1 dose.
   • For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.
### Table 1

**Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years**

*United States, 2013*

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**Recommended ages for all children:**

- Recommended ages for certain high-risk groups:
- Not routinely recommended

This schedule includes recommendations in effect as of January 1, 2013. Any dose not administered at the recommended age should be administered at a subsequent visit, when indicated and feasible. The use of a combination vaccine generally is preferred over separate injections of its equivalent component vaccines. Vaccination providers should consult the relevant Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) statement for detailed recommendations, available online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm. Clinically significant adverse events that follow vaccination should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) online or by telephone (1-800-822-7967). Suspected cases of vaccine-preventable diseases should be reported to the state or local health department. Additional information, including precautions and contraindications for vaccination, is available from CDC online (www.cdc.gov/vaccines) or by telephone (1-800-CDC-INFO [1-800-232-4636]).

This schedule is approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm), the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org), the American Academy of Family Physicians (www.aafp.org), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (www.acog.org).

### 6a. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV).

#### Routine vaccination:
- Administer a series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months with a booster at age 12 through 15 months.
- For children aged 14 through 59 months who have received an age-appropriate series of 7-valent PCV (PCV7), administer a single supplemental dose of 13-valent PCV (PCV13).

### Catch-up vaccination:
- Administer 1 dose of PCV13 to all healthy children aged 24 through 59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age.
- For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.

### 6b. Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23).

#### Minimum age: 2 years

**Vaccination of persons with high-risk conditions:**
- Administer PPSV23 at least 8 weeks after the last dose of PCV to children aged 2 years or older with certain underlying medical conditions (see footnote 6c). A single revaccination with PPSV should be administered after 5 years to children with anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease) or an immunocompromising condition.

### Medical conditions for which PPSV23 is indicated in children aged 2 years and older and for which use of PCV13 is indicated in children aged 24 through 71 months

- Children with anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease and other hemoglobinopathies, congenital or acquired asplenia, or splenic dysfunction);
- Children with immunocompromising conditions: HIV infection, chronic renal failure and nephrotic syndrome, diseases associated with treatment with immunosuppressive drugs or radiation therapy, including malignant neoplasms, leukemias, lymphomas and Hodgkin disease; or solid organ transplantation, congenital immunodeficiency.
Table 2  
Catch-up Immunization Schedule, Ages 4 Months Through 18 Years starting late or more than one month behind—United States, 2013

### PERSONS AGED 4 MONTHS THROUGH 6 YEARS

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The above table provides catch-up schedules and minimum intervals between doses for children whose vaccinations have been delayed. A vaccine series does not need to be restarted, regardless of the time that has elapsed between doses. Use the section appropriate for the child’s age. Always use this table in conjunction with Table 1 and the footnotes that follow.

7. Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
   **Routine vaccination:**
   - Administer a series of IPV at ages 2, 4, 6–18 months, with a booster at age 4–6 years. The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
   - **Catch-up vaccination:**
     - In the first 6 months of life, minimum age and minimum intervals are only recommended if the person is at risk for imminent exposure to circulating poliovirus (i.e., travel to a polio-endemic region or during an outbreak).
     - If 4 or more doses are administered before age 4 years, an additional dose should be administered at age 4 through 6 years.
     - A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered before age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
     - If both OPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, a total of 4 doses should be administered, regardless of the child’s current age.
     - IPV is not routinely recommended for U.S. residents aged 18 years or older.
   - For other catch-up issues, see Table 2.

8. Influenza vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 months for inactivated influenza vaccine [IIV]; 2 years for live, attenuated influenza vaccine [LAIV])
   **Routine vaccination:**
   - Administer influenza vaccine annually to all children regardless of the child’s current age.
   - For the 2012–13 season, administer 2 doses (separated by at least 4 weeks) to children who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time. For additional guidance, follow dosing guidelines in the 2012 ACIP influenza vaccine recommendations, MMWR 2012; 61: 613–618, available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6132.pdf.
   - For the 2013–14 season, follow dosing guidelines in the 2013 ACIP influenza vaccine recommendations.

9. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months for routine vaccination)
   **Routine vaccination:**
   - Administer the first dose of MMR vaccine at age 12 through 15 months, and the second dose at age 4 through 6 years. The second dose may be administered before age 4 years, provided at least 4 weeks have elapsed since the first dose.
   - Administer 1 dose of MMR vaccine to infants aged 6 through 11 months before departure from the United States for international travel. These children should be revaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine, the first
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1. Hepatitis A vaccine (HepA). (Minimum age: 12 months)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer the first dose of hepatitis A vaccine at age 12 through 15 months, and the second dose at age 4 through 6 years. The second dose may be administered before age 4 years, provided at least 3 months have elapsed since the first dose. If the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Ensure that all school-aged children and adolescents have had 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine; the minimum interval between the 2 doses is 4 weeks.

10. Varicella (VAR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer the first dose of VAR vaccine at age 12 through 15 months, and the second dose at age 4 through 6 years. The second dose may be administered before age 4 years, provided at least 3 months have elapsed since the first dose. If the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Administer 2 doses of MMR vaccine to children aged 12 months and older, or who are at increased risk for disease risk is high, and the second dose at least 4 weeks later.
   • Administer 2 doses of MMR vaccine to children aged 12 months and older, before departure from the United States for international travel. The first dose should be administered on or after age 12 months and the second dose at least 4 weeks later.
   • For vaccination of persons with primary and secondary immunodeficiencies, see Table 13, “Vaccination of persons with primary and secondary immunodeficiencies,” in General Recommendations on Immunization (ACIP), available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6040.pdf.

11. Hepatitis A vaccine (HepA). (Minimum age: 12 months)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Initiate the 2-dose HepA vaccine series for children aged 12 through 23 months; separate the 2 doses by 6 to 18 months.
   • Children who have received 1 dose of HepA vaccine before age 24 months, should receive a second dose 6 to 18 months after the first dose.
   • For any person aged 2 years and older who has not already received the HepA vaccine series, 2 doses of HepA vaccine separated by 6 to 18 months may be administered if immunity against hepatitis A virus infection is desired.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • The minimum interval between the two doses is 6 months.
   Special populations:
   • Administer 2 doses of Hep A vaccine at least 6 months apart to previously unvaccinated persons who live in areas where vaccination programs target older children, or who are at increased risk for infection.

12. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. (HPV4 [Gardasil] and HPV2 [Cervarix]). (Minimum age: 9 years)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer 3-dose series of HPV vaccine on a schedule of 0, 1-2, and 6 months to all adolescents aged 11-12 years. Either HPV4 or HPV2 may be used for males, and only HPV4 may be used for females.
   • The vaccine series can be started beginning at age 9 years.
   • Administer the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first dose and the third dose 6 months after the first dose (at least 24 weeks after the first dose).
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Administer the vaccine series to females (either HPV2 or HPV4) and males (HPV4) at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated.
   • Use recommended routine dosing intervals (see above) for vaccine series catch-up.

13. Meningococcal conjugate vaccines (MCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks for Hib-MenCY, 9 months for Menactra [MCV4-D], 2 years for Menevo [MCV4-CRM]).
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer MCV4 vaccine at age 11–12 years, with a booster dose at age 16 years.
   • Adolescents aged 11 through 18 years with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection should receive a 2-dose primary series of MCV4, with at least 8 weeks between doses. See MMWR 2011;60:1018–1019 available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ww/mm6050.pdf.
   • For children aged 2 months through 10 years with high-risk conditions, see below.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Administer MCV4 vaccine at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated.
   • For children aged 19 through 23 months with persistent complement deficiency who have not received a complete series of Hib-MenCY or MCV4-D, administer 2 primary doses of MCV4-D at least 8 weeks apart.
   • For children aged 24 months and older with persistent complement component deficiency or anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease), who have not received a complete series of Hib-MenCY or MCV4-D, administer 2 primary doses of MCV4-D or MCV4-CRM.
   • If MCV4-D (Menactra) is administered to a child with asplenia (including sickle cell disease), do not administer MCV4-D until 2 years of age and at least 4 weeks after the completion of all PCV13 doses. See MMWR 2011;60:1391–2, available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ww/mm6040.pdf.
   • For children aged 9 months and older who are residents of or travelers to the African meningitis belt or to the Hajj, administer an age appropriate formulation and series of MCV4 for protection against serogroups A and W-135. Prior receipt of Hib-MenCY is not sufficient for children traveling to the meningitis belt or the Hajj. See MMWR 2011;60:1391–2, available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ww/mm6040.pdf.
   • For children who are present during outbreaks caused by a vaccine serogroup, administer or complete an age and formulation-appropriate series of Hib-MenCY or MCV4.
   • For booster doses among persons with high-risk conditions refer to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm#mening.

Additional information
• For contraindications and precautions to use of a vaccine and for additional information regarding that vaccine, vaccination providers should consult the relevant ACIP statement available online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm.
• For the purposes of calculating intervals between doses, 4 weeks = 28 days. Intervals of 4 months or greater are determined by calendar months.
• Information on travel vaccine requirements and recommendations is available at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/vaccinations.htm.
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