Immunizations for Babies...

A Guide for Parents

These are the vaccinations your baby needs!

At birth	**HepB**
2 months	**HepB** 1–2 mos[1] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib** + **Polio** + **Rv**
4 months	**HepB**[2] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib** + **Polio** + **Rv**
6 months	**HepB** 6–18 mos[1] + **DTaP** + **PCV** + **Hib**[3] + **Polio** 6–18 mos[1] + **Rv** + **Influenza** 6–59 mos[1,4]
12 months or older	**MMR** 12–15 mos[1] + **DTaP** 15–18 mos[1,5] + **PCV** 12–15 mos[1] + **Hib** 12–15 mos[1] + **Chickenpox** 12–15 mos[1] + **HepA** 12–23 mos[1] + **Influenza** 6–59 mos[1,4]

Check with your doctor or nurse to make sure your baby is receiving all vaccinations on schedule. Many times vaccines are combined to reduce the number of injections. Be sure you ask for a record card with the dates of your baby's vaccinations; bring this with you to every visit.

Here's a list of the diseases your baby will be protected against:

HepB: hepatitis B, a serious liver disease

DTaP: diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), and pertussis (whooping cough)

PCV: pneumococcal conjugate vaccine protects against a serious blood, lung, and brain infection

Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, a serious brain, throat, and blood infection

Polio: polio, a serious paralyzing disease

Rv: rotavirus infection, a serious diarrheal disease

Influenza: a serious lung infection

MMR: measles, mumps, and rubella

HepA: hepatitis A, a serious liver disease

Chickenpox: also called varicella

Footnotes to above chart:

1. This is the age range in which this vaccine should be given.
2. Your infant may not need a dose of Hep B vaccine at age 4 months depending on the type of vaccine that your healthcare provider uses.
3. Your infant may not need a dose of Hib vaccine at age 6 months depending on the type of vaccine that your healthcare provider uses.
4. All children between the ages of 6 and 59 months should receive vaccination for influenza in the fall of each year. First-time vaccinees should receive 2 doses, separated by at least 4 weeks.
5. This dose of DTaP may be given as early as 12 months if it has been 6 months since the previous dose and if you think you might not return for more shots by the time your child is age 18 months.

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