

VARIANCES IN CHILDHOOD VACCINE SCHEDULES

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The table below provides an overview of differences in the vaccine recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and certain medical organizations, as of publication date above. The table is limited to summarizing certain differences between the current vaccine recommendations and omits some information from the listed sources, such as notes on vaccine administration and contraindications. The table also does not include recommendations where the listed sources align (e.g., varicella for children). When reviewing this table, physicians and other health care professionals administering vaccinations should also consult the underlying referenced source(s), as applicable.

	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ^{1,2}	American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) ³	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) ^{4,5,6}	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ^{7,8,9,10}
Respiratory Syncytial Virus RSV-mAb [nirsevimab, clesrovimab]; Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine (RSV [Abrysvo])	<p>Birth – up to 8 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose recommended for all children depending on maternal RSV vaccination status. <p>8-19 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose recommended for certain high-risk groups before their second RSV season. 	<p>Birth – up to 8 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose recommended for all children depending on maternal RSV vaccination status. <p>8-19 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations before their second RSV season. 	<p>Pregnant Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose of the maternal RSV vaccine recommended between 32 weeks and 36 weeks gestation during September through January in most of the continental US if they do not plan to deliver within two weeks, they did not receive the maternal RSV vaccine during a previous pregnancy, and do not plan to have their infant receive a monoclonal antibody. 	<p>Birth – up to 8 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations whose mother did not receive the vaccine. <p>8-19 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for high-risk children.
Hepatitis B (HepB)	<p>Birth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>1-2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>6-18 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose recommended for all children. 	<p>Birth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>1-2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>6-18 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose recommended for all children. 	<p>Pregnant, Lactating, and Postpartum Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended for specific groups during pregnancy based on comorbidities or disease risk factors. Can be initiated while breastfeeding and postpartum. 	<p>Birth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. <p>1-2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. <p>2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>4 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>6-18 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. 3rd dose based on shared clinical decision-making.

<p>Rotavirus (RV): RV1 (2-dose series), RV5 (3-dose series)</p>	<p>2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>4 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose recommended for all children if using RV5. 	<p>2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>4 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose recommended for all children if using RV5. 	<p><i>Not Applicable</i></p>	<p>2 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>4 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd dose based on shared clinical decision-making if using RV5.
<p>COVID-19 (1vCOV-mRNA, 1vCOV-aPS)</p>	<p>6 – 23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more doses of updated 2025-2026 vaccine recommended for all children. <p>2 – 18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making. Recommended for certain high-risk groups. 	<p>6 – 23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more doses of 2025-2026 vaccine recommended for all children. <p>2 – 18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more doses of 2025-2026 vaccine recommended for those who desire protection. 1 dose of 2025-2026 vaccine recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. 	<p>Pregnant, Lactating, and Postpartum Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended during every pregnancy and can be initiated while breastfeeding and postpartum 	<p>6-23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses first year, then 1 dose annually based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>2-18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose annually based on shared clinical decision-making.
<p>Influenza</p>	<p>6 months-8 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or 2 doses annually recommended for all children. <p>9-18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose annually recommended for all children. 	<p>6 months-8 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or 2 doses annually recommended for all children. <p>9-18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose annually recommended for all children. 	<p>Pregnant, Lactating, and Postpartum Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inactivated influenza vaccine recommended during every pregnancy and can be initiated while breastfeeding and postpartum. 	<p>6 months-8 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses first year, then 1 dose annually based on shared clinical decision-making. <p>9-18 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose annually based on shared clinical decision-making.
<p>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and Varicella (VAR)</p>	<p>6-11 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups. <p>12-15 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>4-6 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and VAR (varicella) OR MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella) may be administered for routine vaccination.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> For dose 1 in children age 12-47 months, it is recommended to administer MMR and varicella vaccines separately. MMRV may be used if parents or caregivers express a preference. If MMRV is used, the minimum interval between MMRV doses is 3 months.</p>	<p>6-11 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. <p>12-15 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>4-6 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p>MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and VAR (varicella) OR MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella) may be administered for routine vaccination.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The AAP expresses no preference between MMR plus monovalent varicella vaccine or MMRV for toddlers receiving their first immunization of this kind. Parents should be counseled about the rare possibility of their child developing a febrile</p>	<p>Pregnant Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination contraindicated during pregnancy. <p>Postpartum and Lactating Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended based on comorbidities or disease risk factors 	<p>12-15 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children. <p>4-6 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children. <p><i>Note:</i> MMRV not recommended for ages 12-47 months or ages 13-18 years (administer MMR and VAR (varicella) vaccines separately for these age groups). Minimum interval between MMRV doses is 3 months.</p>

		seizure 1 to 2 weeks after immunization with MMRV for the 1st immunizing dose. For the 2nd dose at 4–6 years, MMRV generally is preferred over MMR plus monovalent varicella to minimize the number of injections. If MMRV is used, the minimum interval between MMRV doses is 3 months.		
Hepatitis A (HepA)	<p>6-11 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups. <p>12-23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-dose series recommended for all children. 	<p>6-11 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. <p>12-23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-dose series recommended for all children. 	<p>Pregnant, Lactating, and Postpartum Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended for specific groups during pregnancy based on comorbidities or disease risk factors. Can be initiated while breastfeeding and postpartum. 	<p>12-23 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-dose series based on shared clinical decision-making.
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	<p>11-12 years (May start at 9 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for all children. 2- or 3-dose series depending on age at initial vaccination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 9-14 years: 2-dose series Age 15 years or older: 3-dose series 	<p>9-12 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for all children. 2- or 3-dose series depending on age at initial vaccination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 9-14 years: 2-dose series Age 15 years or older: 3-dose series 	<p>Postpartum and Lactating Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended based on comorbidities or disease risk factors. 	<p>11-12 years (May start at 9 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for all children. 2- or 3-dose series depending on age at initial vaccination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 9-14 years: 2-dose series Age 15 years or older: 3-dose series
Meningococcal (MenACWY-CRM ≥2 mos, MenACWY-TT ≥2years)	<p>2 months-10 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups <p>11-12 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children <p>16 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children 	<p>2 months-10 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations. <p>11-12 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose recommended for all children <p>16 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose recommended for all children 	<p>Pregnant Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended for specific groups during pregnancy based on comorbidities or disease risk factors. Can be initiated while breastfeeding and postpartum. 	<p>2 months-10 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2, 3, or 4 dose series recommended for certain high-risk groups <p>11-12 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose based on shared clinical decision-making <p>16 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd dose based on shared clinical decision-making

References

- [American Academy of Family Physicians: Birth Through Age 18 Immunization Schedule \(2025\)](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians: Adults 19 and Older Immunization Schedule \(2025\)](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger \(2026\)](#)
- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: COVID-19 Vaccination Considerations for Obstetric-Gynecologic Care \(Updated 2025\)](#)
- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: Maternal Immunization \(2026\)](#)
- [ACOG Releases Updated Maternal Immunization Guidance for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV \(2025\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule by Age \(Addendum updated August 7, 2025\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Child Immunization Schedule Notes](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Adult Immunization Schedule by Age \(Addendum updated August 7, 2025\)](#)
- [US Department of Health and Human Services. CDC Childhood Immunization Schedule by Recommendation Group \(As of January 5, 2026\)](#)

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