

Routine Childhood Immunization Schedule

Childhood immunizations have changed in the past few years. This schedule reflects these changes and may be different from what you or your children may have received in the past.

The immunizations shown on this schedule are those that are given **free of charge**.

High-risk children may be eligible for additional vaccines. For more information, talk to your family doctor or a Public Health Nurse in your local Public Health Services office.

This schedule is up-to-date as of March 2009.

		SCHEDULE					
		2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	18 months	4-6 years
VACCINES	DaPTP + Hib <i>Diphtheria, acellular pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, and Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Pneumo Conj.¹ <i>Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
	Men C Conj.² <i>Meningococcal group C conjugate vaccine</i>				✓		
	Varicella^{3,4} <i>Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine</i>				✓		
	MMR⁴ <i>Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine</i>				✓		✓
	DaPTP <i>Diphtheria, acellular pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, and polio vaccine</i>						✓

Flu Shots

Flu shots are free to all children age 6 to 23 months. They are also free to children with a health condition that places them at high risk and to the families of these children.

Children under 9 years old getting their first flu shot need 2 doses.

Flu shots are NOT recommended for babies under 6 months.

For more information about flu shots see: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/cdpc/influenza.asp>

1 For children born January 1, 2005, and after.

2 For children born January 1, 2004, and after.

3 Children between 12 months and 12 years of age who have not had the vaccine or the disease (chickenpox) are eligible for the Varicella vaccine.

4 MMR and varicella vaccines must be given either on the same day or at least 4 weeks apart.