



Diseases for which vaccination is provided in the general vaccination program in Iceland

The table below shows the schedule of general vaccinations in Iceland by birth cohorts

Year of birth	Smallpox (1)	Diphtheria (2)	Tetanus (3)	Pertussis (3)	Polio	Measles (4)	Rubella (5)	Mumps (6)	Hib (7)	Meningococcus (8)	Pneumococcus	HPV (9)	Varicella-Zoster (10)	Rotavirus
< 1949	x	(x)												
1950 – 1955	x	(x)	(x)	(x)										
1956 – 1958	x	(x)	(x)	(x)	x									
1959 – 1962	x	x	x	x	x									
1963	x	x	x	x	x	(x)								
1964 – 1973	x	x	x	x	x	(x)	(x)							
1974 – 1977	x	x	x	x	x	x	(x)							
1978 – 1980	(x)	x	x	x	x	x	(x)							
1981 – 1982		x	x	x	x	x	(x)							
1983 – 1986		x	x	x	x	x	(x)			x				
1987 – 1988		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				
1989 – 1997		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
1998 – 2010		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		
2011 – 2018		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
2019 →		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
2025 →		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

1) Smallpox vaccination until 1980.

2) Vaccination against diphtheria began in the spring of 1935, but it became part of the general childhood vaccinations in 1959.

3) Vaccination against whooping cough was offered to young children in 1950 and against tetanus in 1953. These vaccinations became part of the general childhood vaccinations in 1958.

4) In 1965, vaccination was offered to two-year-old children for a fee. It became part of the general childhood vaccinations in 1976. In 1989, the MMR vaccine was introduced for children at 18 months of age.

5) og 6) Only 13-year-old girls who did not have antibodies against rubella were vaccinated until 1989. After that, all girls and boys were vaccinated with the MMR vaccine, which contains antigens against measles, rubella, and mumps.

7) Hib - Haemophilus influenzae bacteria type b.

8) In 2002, individuals born in 1983 (19 years old) and younger were vaccinated, followed by infants at 6 and 8 months of age. Since 2023, vaccination against four capsular types, A, C, W, and Y, is given at 12 months of age.

9) Birth cohorts 1998-2010: Only girls; birth cohorts 2011 onwards: Regardless of gender.

10) Vaccinated since 2020, with the first cohort born in 2019.