



Pediatric care schedule

From birth through their teen years, children need regular shots, screenings and doctor visits. But what do they need, and when? This guide, from Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group, can help you stay on track.



What's what?

Your child's vaccination record may be filled with confusing abbreviations. Learn what each vaccine protects against.

DTaP	HepA	HepB	Hib
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Haemophilus influenzae type b
HPV	Influenza	IPV	Meningococcal
Human papillomavirus	Flu	Polio	Meningitis
MMR	PCV13	RV	Tdap
Measles, mumps and rubella	Pneumococcal disease	Rotavirus	Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (booster)
VAR			
Varicella (chickenpox)			

Care by age

While you should always consult with your child's doctor for specific recommendations, this general care schedule can help you keep appointments top of mind.

	1-2 weeks	Well-child exam; HepB vaccine (if not already given in the hospital)
	6-8 weeks	Well-child exam; DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV13, HepB and RV vaccines
	4 months	Well-child exam; DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV13 and RV vaccines
	6 months	Well-child exam; DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV13, HepB and RV vaccines; COVID-19 vaccine; flu vaccine for children 6 months and older every flu season
	9 months	Well-child exam
	12 months	Well-child exam; anemia test; possible tuberculosis and lead tests; MMR, VAR and HepA vaccines
	15 months	Well-child exam; DTaP, Hib and PCV13 vaccine
	18 months	Well-child exam; HepA vaccine
	24 months	Well-child exam; HepA vaccine, if not given at 18 months
	3 years	Well-child exam
	4 years	DTaP, IPV and MMR vaccines; VAR vaccine (2 shots)
	5 years	Well-child exam
	6-10 years	Well-child exam every 1-2 years; Tdap and first dose of HPV vaccine at age 10
	11-17 years	Well-child exam yearly; meningococcal vaccine at age 11-12; second dose of HPV vaccine at age 13; second dose of meningococcal B vaccine at age 16-18

Set for school?

While DTaP, Tdap, HepB, Hib, MMR, VAR and IPV vaccinations are required for school admission, all others are strongly recommended to protect your children from serious, life-threatening infections.

Everyone age 6 months and older is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination (primary series and boosters).

From the expert

"Vaccines are an important way to protect our children from many life-threatening illnesses. Staying up to date with vaccines in childhood and into adulthood is beneficial for everyone's health."

— Jershonda Hartsfield, MD, Pediatrics
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