

# VACCINES FOR CHILDREN



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## NIIW

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**N**ational Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to improve the health of children two years old or younger.

Several important milestones already have been reached in controlling vaccine-preventable diseases among infants worldwide. Vaccines have drastically reduced infant death and disability caused by preventable diseases in the United States. In addition:

- Through immunization, we can now protect infants and children from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before age two.
- Routine childhood immunization in one birth cohort prevents an estimated 381 million illnesses, 24.5 million hospitalizations, and 855,000 early deaths over the course of their lifetimes, at a net savings of \$360 billion in direct costs and \$1.65 trillion in total societal costs.
- The National Immunization Survey has consistently shown that childhood immunization rates for vaccines routinely recommended for children remain at or near record levels.

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NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

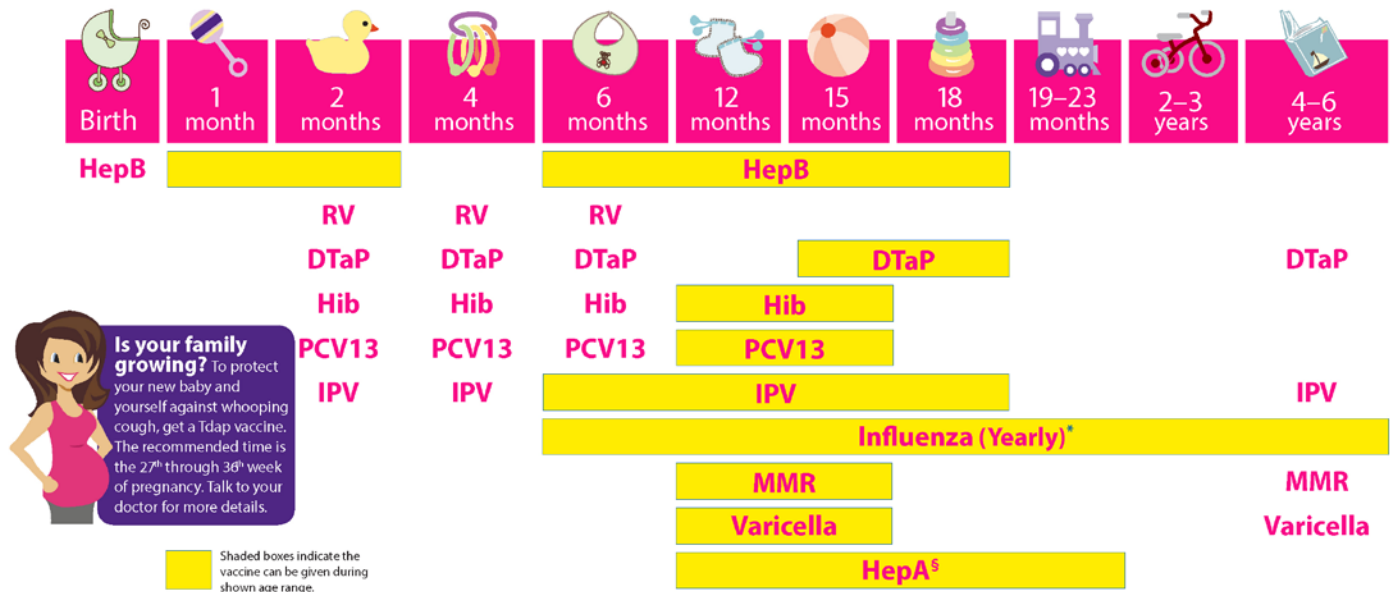
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## 2018 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old



## Mumps

Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads easily through coughing and sneezing. There is no treatment for mumps, and it can cause long-term health problems.

Mumps usually causes the following symptoms for about 7 to 10 days:

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite (not wanting to eat)
- Swollen glands under the ears or jaw

Some people who get mumps do not have symptoms. Others may feel sick but will not have swollen glands. Mumps can spread before swollen glands appear and up to 5 days afterward.

The best way to protect against mumps is to get the measles-mumps-rubella shot (called the MMR shot).

## Meningococcal

Meningococcal disease can refer to any illness caused by the type of bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*, also known as meningococcus [muh-ning-goh-KOK-us]. These illnesses are often severe and can be deadly. They include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia).

These bacteria spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions like spit (e.g., by living in close quarters, kissing). Doctors treat meningococcal disease with antibiotics, but quick medical attention is extremely important. Keeping up to date with recommended vaccines is the best defense against meningococcal disease.

All 11 to 12 year olds should be vaccinated with a meningococcal conjugate vaccine, with a booster dose given at 16 years old. All teens may also be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine, preferably at 16 through 18 years old.

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## Current College Outbreaks

### UMass Amherst

The University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst) is experiencing an outbreak of serogroup B meningococcal disease. Learn more from UMass Amherst. <http://www.umass.edu/meningitis>

### Oregon State University

Oregon State University (OSU) has an ongoing outbreak of serogroup B meningococcal disease. Learn more from OSU. <http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/student-vaccine-clinics>

Get more information about meningococcal vaccine recommendations at: <https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/vaccine-info.html>

**T**he Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program provides low-cost vaccines to eligible children from birth through 18 years of age who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Eligible for participation in the Medicaid program
- Enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 1
- American Indian or Alaska Native (As defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603)
- Uninsured Children: Children who do not have health insurance
- Underinsured Children: Children with private insurance but coverage 2:
- Does not include vaccines
- Only includes select vaccines

## ImmTrac2: The Texas Immunization Registry

**T**he Texas Immunization Registry is a no-cost service that consolidates and stores vaccine records from a variety of sources, including:

- health care providers
- pharmacies
- public health clinics
- Medicaid claims administrators

- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Vital Statistics Unit (VSU).

Regardless of the number of sources, each person's immunization information is in one electronic record. With more than 164 million immunization records, the Texas Immunization Registry is a major component of our initiative to increase vaccine coverage across Texas.

### National Immunization Survey

*Please send us your NIS for research prior to returning the survey to CDC.*

#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

#### 2018 Recommended Immunizations for Children 7-18 Years Old

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about the vaccines recommended for their age.

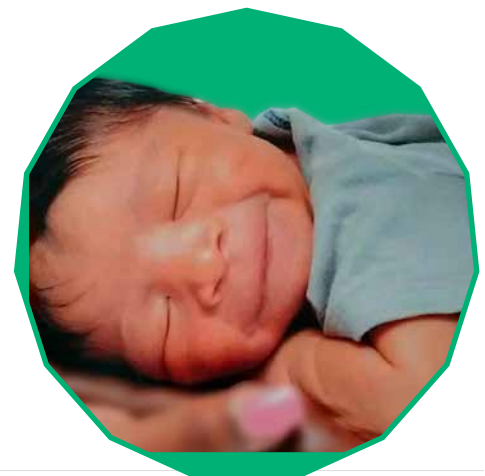
	Flu Influenza	Tdap Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis	HPV Human papillomavirus	Meningococcal		Pneumococcal	Hepatitis B	Hepatitis A	Inactivated Polio	MMR Measles, mumps, rubella	Chickenpox Varicella
				MenACWY	MenB						
7-8 Years											
9-10 Years											
11-12 Years											
13-15 Years											
16-18 Years											

These shaded boxes indicate when the vaccine is recommended for all children unless your doctor tells you that your child cannot safely receive the vaccine.

These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine should be given if a child is catching-up on missed vaccines.

This shaded box indicates children not at increased risk may get the vaccine if they wish after speaking to a provider.

These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine is recommended for children with certain health or lifestyle conditions that put them at an increased risk for serious diseases. See vaccine-specific recommendations at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm).





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## Reminders



Effective January 1, 2018

- ▶ Data loggers are required as the primary AND back up thermometers
- ▶ Routine and emergency vaccine storage and handling plans must be reviewed and updated annually.

## VIS Updates

Vaccines	Date
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	2/12/18
Measles/Mumps/Rubella & Varicella	2/12/18
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2/12/18
Zoster / Shingles (Live)	2/12/18
Zoster / Shingles (Recombinant)	2/12/18
Rotavirus	2/23/18

## ASN Update

The DSHS Immunization Unit has made changes to the adult eligibility screening form to collect both the gender and veteran status of each patient. There is also an online survey to collect the number of uninsured female veterans who receive ASN vaccines. The eligibility screening form must be presented to all patients at every immunization visit. A hard copy or an electronic copy of the screening form must be in the patient's record and maintained for five years, in accordance with DSHS ASN requirements. Revised forms and online survey is available at [www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/ASN/publications.aspx#forms](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/ASN/publications.aspx#forms).

By the 5th of each month, starting April 5th, 2018, you must use the online survey to document the number of uninsured female veterans who received ASN vaccines in your clinic for the previous month, even if you did not vaccinate any uninsured female veterans.

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