

Child Immunization Schedule

For parents, back to school days can be exciting – and hectic. You shop for school supplies and clothes, take care of haircuts, and make sure your child gets on the bus safely. You do all that you can to ensure that the school year will be a safe and happy one for your young one.

Before you send your child off to school or daycare, become familiar with the golden rules of immunization.

Birth to 2 Years

Well-baby exams should be scheduled at birth and at 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months. At that time, your baby may receive the following immunizations:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis** at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months, and again between 15 and 18 months
- **Haemophilus influenza B** at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months, and again between 12 and 15 months
- **Hepatitis B virus** at birth and then between 1 and 4 months and 6 and 18 months, or at 1 month and then between 2 and 4 months, and 6 and 18 months
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** between 12 and 15 months
- **Pneumococcal conjugate** at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months, and again between 12 and 15 months
- **Poliovirus** at 2 months and 4 months, and between 6 and 18 months.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** between 12 and 18 months
- **Influenza vaccine** between 6 and 23 months

Ages 3 to 10

Well-child exam should be scheduled once a year for children ages 3 to 5 and every 2 years for children ages 6 to 10 for continued advice on your child's health. In addition, your child may receive the following immunizations:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis** between ages 4 and 6
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** between ages 4 and 6, or 11 and 12 if not given earlier
- **Poliovirus** between ages 4 and 6
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** if no evidence of prior immunization or Chickenpox

Ages 11 to 18

Well-person exam should be schedule for older children once a year, during which they may receive the following immunizations:

- **Hepatitis B virus** between 11 and 18 years if not previously immunized
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella** if not already immune
- **Tetanus-diphtheria booster** every 10 years
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)** if no evidence of prior immunization or Chickenpox

Remember, this checkup schedule is a general guideline only. Always ask your child's doctor what immunizations he or she recommends for your child.