Table 1. Recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0 through 18 years – United States, 2016.

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This schedule includes recommendations in effect as of January 1, 2016. Any dose not administered at the recommended age should be administered at a subsequent visit, when indicated and feasible. The use of a combination vaccine generally is preferred over separate injections of its equivalent component vaccines. Vaccination providers should consult the relevant Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) statement for detailed recommendations, available online at [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/contraindications.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/contraindications.html). Clinically significant adverse events that follow vaccination should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) online ([http://www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov)) or by telephone (800-822-7967). Suspected cases of vaccine-preventable diseases should be reported to the state or local health department. Additional information, including precautions and contraindications for vaccination, is available from CDC online ([http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/contraindications.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/contraindications.html)) or by telephone (800-CDC-INFO [800-232-4636]).

This schedule is approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ([http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip)), the American Academy of Pediatrics ([http://www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)), the American Academy of Family Physicians ([http://www.aafp.org](http://www.aafp.org)), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists ([http://www.acog.org](http://www.acog.org)).

NOTE: The above recommendations must be read along with the footnotes of this schedule.
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For further guidance on the use of the vaccines mentioned below, see: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html.

For vaccine recommendations for persons 19 years of age and older, see the Adult Immunization Schedule.

Additional information:

- For contraindications and precautions to use of a vaccine and for additional information regarding that vaccine, vaccination providers should consult the relevant ACIP statement available online at http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html.
- For purposes of calculating intervals between doses, 4 weeks = 28 days. Intervals of 4 months or greater are determined by calendar months.
- Vaccine doses administered 4 days or less before the minimum interval are considered valid. Doses of any vaccine administered ≥5 days earlier than the minimum interval or minimum age should not be counted as valid doses and should be repeated as age-appropriate. The repeat dose should be spaced after the invalid dose by the recommended minimum interval. For further details, see MMWR, General Recommendations on Immunization and Reports / Vol. 60 / No. 2, Table 1. Recommended and minimum ages and intervals between vaccine doses available online at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6002.pdf.
- Information on travel vaccine requirements and recommendations is available at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.

1. Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine. (Minimum age: birth)

   Routine vaccination:
   - At birth:
     - Administer monovalent HepB vaccine to all newborns before hospital discharge.
     - For infants born to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive mothers, administer HepB vaccine and 0.5 mL of hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth. These infants should be tested for HBsAg and antibody to HBsAg (anti-HBs) at age 9 through 18 months (preferably at the next well-child visit) or 1 to 2 months after completion of the HepB series if the series was delayed; CDC recently recommended testing occur at age 9 through 12 months; see http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6439a6.htm.
     - If mother’s HBsAg status is unknown, within 12 hours of birth administer HepB vaccine regardless of birth weight. For infants weighing less than 2,000 grams, administer HBIG in addition to HepB vaccine within 12 hours of birth. Infants weighing more than 2,000 grams, administer HBIG in addition to HepB vaccine within 12 hours of birth. If mother's HBsAg status is soon as possible and, if mother is HBsAg-positive, also administer HBIG for infants weighing 2,000 grams or more as soon as possible, but no later than age 7 days.
   - Doses following the birth dose:
     - The second dose should be administered at age 1 or 2 months. Monovalent HepB vaccine should be used for doses administered before age 6 weeks.
     - Infants who did not receive a birth dose should receive 3 doses of a HepB-containing vaccine on a schedule of 0, 1 to 2 months, and 6 months starting as soon as feasible. See Figure 2.
     - Administer the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first dose (minimum interval of 4 weeks), administer the third dose at least 8 weeks after the second dose AND at least 16 weeks after the first dose. The final (third or fourth) dose in the HepB vaccine series should be administered no earlier than age 24 weeks.
     - Administration of a total of 4 doses of HepB vaccine is permitted when a combination vaccine containing HepB is administered after the birth dose.
   - Catch-up vaccination:
     - Unvaccinated persons should complete a 3-dose series.
     - A 2-dose series (doses separated by at least 4 months) of adult formulation Recombivax HB is licensed for use in children aged 11 through 15 years.
     - For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.

2. Rotavirus (RV) vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 weeks for both RV1 [Rotarix] and RV5 [RotaTeq])

   Routine vaccination:
   - Administer a series of RV vaccine to all infants as follows:
     1. If Rotarix is used, administer a 2-dose series at 2 and 4 months of age.
     2. If RotaTeq is used, administer a 3-dose series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months.
     3. If any dose in the series was RotaTeq or vaccine product is unknown for any dose in the series, a total of 3 doses of RV vaccine should be administered.
   - Catch-up vaccination:
     - The maximum age for the first dose in the series is 14 weeks, 6 days; vaccination should not be initiated for infants aged 15 weeks, 0 days or older.
     - The maximum age for the final dose in the series is 8 months, 0 days.
     - For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.

3. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DtaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks. Exception: DtaP-IPV [KINrix, Quadracel]; 4 years)

   Routine vaccination:
   - Administer a 5-dose series of DtaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6, 15 through 18 months, and 4 through 6 years.
   - The fourth dose may be administered as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose.
   - Inadvertent administration of 4th DtaP dose early: If the fourth dose of DtaP was administered at least 4 months, but less than 6 months, after the third dose of DtaP, it need not be repeated.
   - For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.
   - If first dose is administered at age 7 through 11 months, administer the second dose at least 4 weeks later.
   - If first dose is administered at age 12 through 59 months and at least 8 weeks after second dose, whichever is later.
   - For unvaccinated children aged 15 months or older, administer only dose.
   - For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2. For catch-up guidance related to MenHibrix, please see the meningococcal vaccine footnotes and also MMWR February 28, 2014 / 63(RR01);1-13, available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr6301.pdf.

Catch-up vaccination:
   - If dose 1 was administered at ages 12 through 14 months, administer a second (final) dose at least 8 weeks after dose 1, regardless of HepB vaccine used in the primary series.
   - If both doses were PRP-OMP (PedvaxHIB or COMVAX), and were administered before the first birthday, the third (and final) dose should be administered at age 12 through 59 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
   - If first dose was administered at age 7 through 11 months, administer the second dose at least 4 weeks later and a third (and final) dose at age 12 through 15 months or 8 weeks after second dose, whichever is later.
   - If first dose is administered before the first birthday and second dose administered at younger than 15 months, a third (and final) dose should be administered 8 weeks later.
   - For unvaccinated children aged 15 months or older, administer only dose.
   - For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2. For catch-up guidance related to MenHibrix, please see the meningococcal vaccine footnotes and also MMWR February 28, 2014 / 63(RR01);1-13, available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr6301.pdf.

Vaccination of persons with high-risk conditions:

- Children aged 12 through 59 months who are at increased risk for Hib disease, including chemotherapy recipients and those with anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, immunoglobulin deficiency, or early component complement deficiency, who have received either no doses or only 1 dose of Hib vaccine before 12 months of age, should receive 2 additional doses of Hib vaccine 8 weeks apart; children who received 2 or more doses of Hib vaccine before 12 months of age should receive 1 additional dose.
- For patients younger than 5 years of age undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment who received a Hib vaccine dose(s) within 14 days of starting therapy or during therapy, repeat the dose(s) at least 3 months following therapy completion.
- Recipients of hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) should be revaccinated with a 3-dose regimen of Hib vaccine starting 6 to 12 months after successful transplant, regardless of vaccination history; doses should be administered at least 4 weeks apart.
- A single dose of any Hib-containing vaccine should be administered to unimmunized* children and adolescents 15 months of age and older undergoing an elective splenectomy; if possible, vaccine should be administered at least 14 days before procedure.
4. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine (cont'd)
   • Hib vaccine is not routinely recommended for patients 5 years or older. However, 1 dose of Hib vaccine
     should be administered to unimmunized* persons aged 5 years or older who have anatomic or functional
     asplenia (including sickle cell disease) and unvaccinated persons 5 through 18 years of age with HIV
     infection.
   * Patients who have not received a primary series and booster dose or at least 1 dose of Hib vaccine after 14
     months of age are considered unimmunized.

5. Pneumococcal vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 weeks for PCV13, 2 years for PPV23)
   Routine vaccination with PCV13:
   • Administer a 4-dose series of PCV13 vaccine at ages 2, 4, and 6 months and at age 12 through 15 months.
   • For children aged 14 through 23 months who have received a primary dose and have appropriate series of 7-valent PCV
     (PCV7), administer a single supplemental dose of 13-valent PCV (PCV13).
   Catch-up vaccination with PCV13:
   • Administer 1 dose of PCV13 to all healthy children aged 24 through 59 months who are not completely
     vaccinated for their age.
   • For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.
   • For other catch-up guidance, see: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html

6. Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks) (cont'd)
   • If both OPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, a total of 4 doses should be administered, regardless
     of the child's current age. If only OPV were administered, and all doses were given prior to 4 years of age, one
     dose of IPV should be given at 4 years or older, at least 4 weeks after the last OPV dose.
   • IPV is not routinely recommended for U.S. residents aged 18 years or older.
   • For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.

7. Influenza vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 months for inactivated influenza vaccine [IV], 2 years for live,
   attenuated influenza vaccine [LAIV])
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer influenza vaccine annually to all children beginning at age 6 months. For most healthy,
     nonpregnant persons aged 2 through 49 years, either LAIV or IV may be used. However, LAIV should NOT
     be administered to some persons, including: 1) persons who have experienced severe allergic reactions
     to LAIV, any of its components, or to a previous dose of any other influenza vaccine; 2) children 2 through
     17 years receiving aspirin or aspirin-containing products; 3) persons who are allergic to eggs; 4) pregnant
     women; 5) immunosuppressed persons; 6) children 2 through 4 years of age with asthma or who had
     wheezing in the past 12 months; or 7) persons who have taken influenza antiviral medications in the
     previous 48 hours. For all other contraindications and precautions to use of LAIV, see MMWR Aug 7,
   • For the 2015-16 season, administer 2 doses (separated by at least 4 weeks) to children who are receiving
     influenza vaccine for the first time. Some children in this age group who have been vaccinated previously
     will also need 2 doses. For additional guidance, follow dosing guidelines in the 2015-16 ACIP influenza
     mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6430.pdf.
   • For the 2016-17 season, follow dosing guidelines in the 2016 ACIP influenza vaccine recommendations.

8. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months for routine vaccination)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer a 2-dose series of MMR vaccine at ages 12 through 15 months and 4 through 6 years. The
     second dose may be administered before age 4 years, provided at least 4 weeks have elapsed since the first
     dose.
   • Administer 1 dose of MMR vaccine to infants aged 6 through 11 months before departure from the United
     States for international travel. These children should be revaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine, the first
     at age 12 through 15 months (12 months if the child remains in an area where disease risk is high), and
     the second dose at least 4 weeks later.
   • Administer 2 doses of MMR vaccine to children aged 12 months and older before departure from the
     United States for international travel. The first dose should be administered on or after age 12 months and
     the second dose at least 4 weeks later.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Ensure that all school-aged children and adolescents have had 2 doses of MMR vaccine; the minimum
     interval between the 2 doses is 4 weeks.

9. Varicella (VAR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
   Routine vaccination:
   • Administer a 2-dose series of VAR vaccine at ages 12 through 15 months and 4 through 6 years. The
     second dose may be administered before age 4 years, provided at least 3 months have elapsed since the
     first dose. If the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as
     valid.
   Catch-up vaccination:
   • Ensure that all persons aged 7 through 18 years without evidence of immunity (see MMWR 2007 / 56 [No.
     RR-4], available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5604.pdf) have 2 doses of varicella vaccine. For
     children aged 7 through 12 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is 3 months (if the
     second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for persons
     aged 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks.

10. Hepatitis A (HepA) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
    Routine vaccination:
    • Initiate the 2-dose HepA vaccine series at 12 through 23 months; separate the 2 doses by 6 to 18 months.
    • Children who have received 1 dose of HepA vaccine before age 24 months should receive a second dose
      6 to 18 months after the first dose.
    • For any person aged 2 years and older who has not already received the HepA vaccine series, 2 doses of
      HepA vaccine separated by 6 to 18 months may be administered if immunity against hepatitis A virus
      infection is desired.
    Catch-up vaccination:
    • The minimum interval between the 2 doses is 6 months.
10. Hepatitis A (HepA) vaccine (cont’d)

Special populations:
- Administer 2 doses of HepA vaccine at least 6 months apart to previously unvaccinated persons who live in areas where vaccination programs target older children, or who are at increased risk for infection. This includes persons traveling to or working in countries that have high or intermediate endemicity of infection; men having sex with men; users of injection and non-injection illicit drugs; persons who work with HAV-infected primates or with HAV in a research laboratory; persons with clotting factor disorders; and persons with chronic liver disease; and persons who anticipate close personal contact (e.g., household or regular babysitting) with an international adoptee during the first 60 days after arrival in the United States from a country with high or intermediate endemicity. The first dose should be administered as soon as the indication is planned, ideally 2 or more weeks before the arrival of the adoptee.

Meningococcal vaccines. (Minimum age: 6 weeks for Hib-MenCY [MenHibrix], 9 months for MenACWY-D [Menactra], 2 months for MenACWY-CRM [Menveo], 10 years for serogroup B meningococcal [MenB] vaccines: MenB-4C [Bexsero] and MenB-FHbp [Trumenba])

Routine vaccination:
- Administer a single dose of Menactra or Menveo vaccine at age 11 through 12 years, with a booster dose at age 16 years.
- Adolescents aged 11 through 18 years with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection should receive a 2-dose primary series of Menactra or Menveo with at least 8 weeks between doses.
- For children aged 11 through 12 years through 18 years with high-risk conditions, see below.

Catch-up vaccination:
- Administer Menactra or Menveo vaccine at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated.
- If the first dose is administered at age 13 through 15 years, a booster dose should be administered at age 16 years with a minimum interval of at least 8 weeks between doses.
- If the first dose is administered at age 16 years or older, a booster dose is not needed.
- For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.

Clinical discretion:
- Young adults aged 16 through 23 years (preferred age range is 16 through 18 years) may be vaccinated with either a 2-dose series of Bexsero or a 3-dose series of Trumenba vaccine to provide short-term protection against most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease. The two MenB vaccines are not interchangeable; the same vaccine product must be used for all doses.

Vaccination of persons with high-risk conditions and other persons at increased risk of disease:
- Children with anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease):

Meningococcal conjugate ACWY vaccines:
1. Menveo
   - Children who initiate vaccination at 8 weeks: Administer doses at 2, 4, 6, and 12 months of age.
   - Unvaccinated children who initiate vaccination at 7 through 23 months: Administer 2 doses, with the second dose at least 12 weeks after the first dose AND after the first birthday.
   - Children 24 months and older who have not received a complete series: Administer 2 primary doses at least 8 weeks apart.
2. MenHibrix
   - Children who initiate vaccination at 6 weeks: Administer doses at 2, 4, 6, and 12 through 15 months of age.
   - If the first dose of MenHibrix is given at or after 12 months of age, a total of 2 doses should be given at least 8 weeks apart to ensure protection against serogroups C and Y meningococcal disease.
3. Menactra
   - Children 24 months and older who have not received a complete series: Administer 2 primary doses at least 8 weeks apart. If Menactra is administered to a child with asplenia (including sickle cell disease), do not administer Menactra until 2 years of age and at least 4 weeks after the completion of all PCV13 doses.

Meningococcal B vaccines:
1. Bexsero or Trumenba
   - Persons 10 years or older who have not received a complete series. Administer a 2-dose series of Bexsero, at least 1 month apart. Or a 3-dose series of Trumenba, with the second dose at least 2 months after the first and the third dose at least 6 months after the first. The two MenB vaccines are not interchangeable; the same vaccine product must be used for all doses.

Children with persistent complement component deficiency (includes persons with inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5-9, properdin, factor D, factor H, or taking eculizumab [Soliris®]):

Meningococcal conjugate ACWY vaccines:
1. Menveo
   - Children who initiate vaccination at 8 weeks: Administer doses at 2, 4, 6, and 12 months of age.
   - Unvaccinated children who initiate vaccination at 7 through 23 months: Administer 2 doses, with the second dose at least 12 weeks after the first dose AND after the first birthday.
   - Children 24 months and older who have not received a complete series: Administer 2 primary doses at least 8 weeks apart.
2. MenHibrix
   - Children who initiate vaccination 6 weeks: Administer doses at 2, 4, 6, and 12 through 15 months of age.
   - If the first dose of MenHibrix is given at or after 12 months of age, a total of 2 doses should be given at least 8 weeks apart to ensure protection against serogroups C and Y meningococcal disease.

11. Meningococcal vaccines (cont’d)

3. Menactra
   - Children 12 through 23 months: Administer 2 primary doses at least 12 weeks apart.
   - Children 24 months and older who have not received a complete series: Administer 2 primary doses at least 8 weeks apart.

Meningococcal B vaccines:
1. Bexsero or Trumenba
   - Persons 10 years or older who have not received a complete series. Administer a 2-dose series of Bexsero, at least 1 month apart. Or a 3-dose series of Trumenba, with the second dose at least 2 months after the first and the third dose at least 6 months after the first. The two MenB vaccines are not interchangeable; the same vaccine product must be used for all doses.

For children who travel to or reside in countries in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or endemic; including countries in the African meningitis belt or the Hajj:
- administer an age-appropriate formulation and series of Menactra or Menveo for protection against serogroups A and W meningococcal disease. Prior receipt of MenHibrix is not sufficient for children traveling to the meningitis belt or the Hajj because it does not contain serogroups A or W.

For children at risk during a community outbreak attributable to a vaccine serogroup:
- administer or complete an age- and formulation-appropriate series of Menactra, Menveo, Bexsero or Trumenba.


For other catch-up recommendations for these persons, and complete information on use of meningococcal vaccines, including guidance related to vaccination of persons at increased risk of infection, see MMWR March 22, 2013 / 62(RR02):1-22, and MMWR October 23, 2015 / 64(41):1171-1176 available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr61202.pdf, and http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6441.pdf.

12. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (Minimum age: 10 years for both Boostrix and Adacel)

Routine vaccination:
- Administer 1 dose of Tdap vaccine to all adolescents aged 11 through 12 years.
- Tdap vaccine may be administered regardless of the interval since the last tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine.
- Administer 1 dose of Tdap vaccine to pregnant adolescents during each pregnancy (preferred during 27 through 36 weeks gestation) regardless of time since priorTd or Tdap vaccination.

Catch-up vaccination:
- Persons aged 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with DTap vaccine should receive Tdap vaccine as 1 (preferably the first) dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td vaccine.
- For children 7 through 10 years who receive a dose of Tdap as part of the catch-up series, an adolescent Tdap vaccine dose at age 11 through 12 years should NOT be administered. Td should be administered instead 10 years after the Tdap dose.
- Persons aged 11 through 18 years who have not received Tdap vaccine should receive a dose followed by tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) booster doses every 10 years thereafter.
- Inadvertent doses of DTap vaccine:
  - If administered inadvertently to a child aged 7 through 10 years may count as part of the catch-up series. This dose may count as the adolescent Tdap dose, or the child can later receive a Tdap booster dose at age 11 through 12 years.
  - If administered inadvertently to an adolescent aged 11 through 18 years, the dose should be counted as the adolescent Tdap booster.

For other catch-up guidance, see Figure 2.

13. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. (Minimum age: 9 years for 2vHPV [Cervarix], 4vHPV [Gardasil] and 9vHPV [Gardasil 9])

Routine vaccination:
- Administer a 3-dose series of HPV vaccine on a schedule of 0, 1-2, and 6 months to all adolescents aged 11 through 12 years. 9vHPV, 4vHPV or 2vHPV may be used for females, and only 9vHPV or 4vHPV may be used for males.
- The vaccine series may be started at age 9 years.
- Administer the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first dose (minimum interval of 4 weeks); administer the third dose 16 weeks after the second dose (minimum interval of 12 weeks) and 24 weeks after the first dose.
- Administer HPV vaccine beginning at age 9 years to children and youth with any history of sexual abuse or assault who have not initiated or completed the 3-dose series.

Catch-up vaccination:
- Administer the vaccine series to females (2vHPV or 4vHPV or 9vHPV) and males (4vHPV or 9vHPV) at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated.
- Use recommended routine dosing intervals (see Routine vaccination above) for vaccine series catch-up.