











CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS (UNDER 5 YEARS)

Vaccine Schedule for Children under 5 years in Alberta

 Vaccine (protects against)	 Number of Doses	 2 Months	 4 Months	 6 Months	 12 Months	 18 Months	 4 Years
dTap-IPV-Hib-HB (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis B)	3 doses	✓	✓	✓			
Pneu-C13 (pneumococcal)	3 doses for non-high risk infants	✓	✓		✓		
	4 doses for high-risk infants	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rotavirus	2 doses	✓	✓				
MenconC (meningococcal disease)	2 doses		✓		✓		
Influenza	Every year			Your child can get the flu vaccine as early as 6 months of age and can get a booster every year.			
MMR-Var (measles, mumps, rubella, varicella)	2 doses				✓	✓	✓ (If not received at 18 months)
dTap-IPV-Hib (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b)	1 dose					✓	
dTap-IPV (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio)	1 dose						✓

Has your child missed a vaccine?

Catching up is easy. You probably won't need to start your child's series over; schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider to get caught up.

Why do babies and children need more vaccines nowadays?

When a baby is born, they are vulnerable to serious illnesses like whooping cough. Vaccines protect children against preventable diseases. This helps keep children healthier and saves many lives compared to many years ago.

Do vaccines have any side effects?

Side effects are generally mild and temporary, including crying, fever, and minor discomfort. Rest assured; the vaccines used in Canada are rigorously tested and safe. These vaccines are your tools for ensuring the health and well-being of your loved ones.

Who should not receive the vaccine?

Children may not be able to get a vaccine if:

- They have an allergy to any part of the vaccine
- They had a severe or unusual side effect after getting this vaccine or a similar vaccine. Most children are eligible for these vaccines in Alberta.

Is it okay to choose which vaccines my child gets?

It's not a good idea to skip vaccines. Vaccines prevent serious and sometimes deadly diseases, and without them, your child could be at risk.

If you have any additional questions or want to schedule your vaccination, you can:

- Call Health Link at 811
- Call AIMGA's Multilingual Health Hub for Newcomers Phone Line at 1-587-392-8062
- Contact your family physician or primary care network
- Visit booking.aimga.ca to book a patient navigator