

GET YOUR CHILDREN VACCINATED!

The dTap-IPV-Hib-HB vaccine



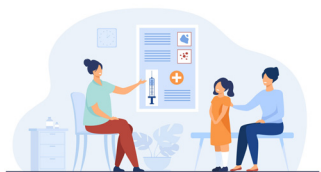
What does this vaccine protect against? This is a six-in-one combination vaccine that protects against the following illnesses:

- **Diphtheria:** A bacterial nose and throat infection that can cause troubled breathing or swallowing, heart failure, and paralysis (inability to move all or parts of the body).
- **Tetanus:** A bacterial infection that attacks the nervous system and can cause uncontrolled spasms of muscles in the body.
- **Pertussis (whooping cough):** A bacterial infection of the lungs and airways that can lead to a cough that can last for months.
- **Polio:** A viral infection of the nervous system that can cause paralysis.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib):** A bacterial infection that can cause breathing problems and meningitis (infection of the lining covering the brain and spinal cord).
- **Hepatitis B:** A viral infection of the liver that can ultimately lead to liver damage (cirrhosis) and liver cancer.



Who should get this vaccine? This vaccine is offered as part of the routine immunization schedule at 2, 4, and 6 months of age.

Who should not get this vaccine? Your child may not be able to get this vaccine if they have an allergy to the vaccine, experience serious/unusual side effects after receiving the vaccine or one of its components, or have health problems like a weakened immune system. Most infants are eligible for this vaccine in Alberta.



What are the side effects of this vaccine? The side effects tend to be very mild and temporary and include redness/swelling/soreness at the injection site, crying, fatigue, irritability, fever, poor appetite, etc. Side effect symptoms can be managed by placing a cool, wet cloth on the injection site or by taking medications like ibuprofen or acetaminophen to deal with fever or pain.

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