



## Keeping Your Child Healthy

Immunizations (also called shots or vaccinations) are very important! They will help protect your child against serious illnesses or death. Your child should receive most of his or her immunizations during the first 2 years of life, starting at birth. It is very important to take your child to get all of his immunizations at the right age. The doctor will give the immunizations during your child's check-ups.

Keep track of the shots in the Immunization Booklet the doctor will give you. When your child registers for child care or school, all of his immunizations must be up to date. You will need to show the Immunization Booklet. If you are worried about paying for the shots, ask the doctor about the Vaccine for Children Program, (VFC).

Your child needs the following immunizations to stay healthy\*:

Vaccine	Age of Immunization
Hepatitis B (HepB)	Birth 1 to 2 months 6 to 18 months
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)	2 months 4 months 6 months 15 to 18 months 4 to 6 years
H. Influenza Type B (Hib)	2 to 6 months 12 to 15 months
Inactivated Polio (IPV)	2 months 4 months 6 to 18 months 4 to 6 years
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)	2 months 4 months 6 months 12 to 15 months 2 to 5 years
Influenza	6 to 23 months Yearly thereafter
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	12 to 15 months 4 to 6 years
Varicella	12 to 18 months
Hepatitis A (HepA)	12 to 23 months 18 to 29 months

\*Immunization Schedule as recommended by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) per Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), 2006. Follow the advice of your child's doctor. He or she may vary the information here, based on your child's individual circumstances.

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