



Good health is a gift anyone would wish for a child, but it doesn't happen without your help.

Some things you can do to help keep your child well:

- Introduce good nutrition at an early age and be a good role model
- Encourage lots of play and physical activity
- Keep up with recommended vaccines

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana wants your child to be well.

Children's Wellness Guidelines

Laying the Groundwork for a Healthy Tomorrow

Children's Health

Put your child on the path to wellness. Schedule a yearly Well Child visit with your child's health care provider* and follow immunization guidelines. The health care provider will watch your child's growth and progress and should talk with you about eating and sleeping habits, safety and behavior issues.

According to the Bright Futures recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the provider should:

- Check your child's Body Mass Index percentile regularly beginning at age 2
- Check blood pressure yearly, beginning at age 3
- Screen hearing at birth, then yearly from ages 4 to 6, then at ages 8 and 10
- Test vision yearly from ages 3 to 6, then at ages 8, 10, 12, and 15

Help protect your child from sickness. Make sure they get the recommended vaccinations shown in the charts. If your child has missed vaccinations, ask your health care provider how to catch up.

Learn more from your child's doctor or at [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org).

Please note: These recommendations are for healthy children who don't have any special health risks. Take time to check the following summaries of key preventive services.

*A health care provider could be a doctor, primary care provider, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or other health care professional.

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Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger

Vaccines and Other Immunizing Agents in the Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule*

Vaccine and other immunizing agents	Birth	1 mos	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 years	4-6 years	7-10 years	11-12 years	13-15 years	16 years	17-18 years	
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV-mAb [Nirsevimab])	1 dose depending on maternal RSV vaccination status (See Notes)					1 dose (8-19 months), See Notes												
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1st dose	2nd dose		3rd dose														
Rotavirus (RV): RV1 (2-dose series), RV5 (3-dose series)			1st dose	2nd dose	See Notes													
Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP <7 yrs)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		4th dose					5th dose						
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		3rd or 4th dose											
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV15, PCV20)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		4th dose											
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)			1st dose	2nd dose		3rd dose					4th dose							
COVID-19 (1vCOV-mRNA, 1vCOV-aPS)					See Notes													
Influenza (IIV3, CCIIV3)					1 or 2 doses annually					1 or 2 doses annually		1 dose annually						
Influenza (LAIV3)										1 or 2 doses annually		1 dose annually						
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)					See Notes	1st dose			2nd dose									
Varicella (VAR)						1st dose			2nd dose									
Hepatitis A (HepA)					See Notes	2-dose series (See Notes)												
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap ≥7 yrs)											1 dose							
Human papillomavirus (HPV)											See Notes							
Meningococcal (MenACWY-CRM ≥2 mos, MenACWY-TT ≥2years)			See Notes															
Meningococcal B (MenB-4C, MenB-FHbp)																		
Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine (RSV [Abrysvo])										Seasonal administration during pregnancy (See Notes)								
Dengue (DENACYD: 9-16 yrs)										Seropositive in endemic dengue areas (See Notes)								
Mpox																		

Range of recommended ages for all children

Range of recommended ages for catch-up vaccination

Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups or populations

Recommended vaccination can begin in this age group

Vaccination is based on shared clinical decision-making

No Guidance/ Not Applicable