

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents

This document outlines the recommended immunization schedule for children and adolescents from birth through 18 years, as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This schedule is based on recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

It is important to note that the schedule is subject to change based on evolving public health needs and new vaccine availability. Always consult with a healthcare provider to ensure your child receives the appropriate vaccinations at the correct times.

Vaccine Schedule by Age

This table provides a simplified overview of the vaccines recommended at specific ages.

Age	Vaccine(s)	Notes
Birth	HepB (Hepatitis B) - Dose 1	Administer within 24 hours after birth.
1-2 months	HepB - Dose 2	Should be given at least 4 weeks after Dose 1.
2 months	DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV13, Rotavirus	DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis), Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b), IPV (Inactivated Poliovirus), PCV13 (Pneumococcal Conjugate), Rotavirus.
4 months	DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV13, Rotavirus	Repeat doses of the 2-month vaccines.
6 months	DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV13, Rotavirus, Flu (annual)	Rotavirus final dose depends on the vaccine brand used (2 or 3 doses). Influenza vaccine is recommended annually starting at 6 months of age.

Age	Vaccine(s)	Notes
6-18 months	HepB - Dose 3	Final dose of the primary series. Must be at least 8 weeks after Dose 2 and at least 16 weeks after Dose 1.
12 months	Hib, PCV13, MMR, Varicella, HepA	MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Varicella (Chickenpox), HepA (Hepatitis A).
15 months	DTaP	Fourth dose of DTaP.
18 months	HepA - Dose 2	Given 6 to 18 months after Dose 1.
4-6 years	DTaP, IPV, MMR, Varicella	Final doses of these vaccines before adolescence.
11-12 years	Tdap, HPV, MenACWY	Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis), HPV (Human Papillomavirus), MenACWY (Meningococcal conjugate).
16 years	MenACWY - Booster	Second dose of the Meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Important Considerations

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine

An annual flu shot is recommended for all children starting at 6 months of age.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

The HPV vaccine is given as a 2-dose series, 6-12 months apart, for children who start the series before their 15th birthday. Teens and young adults who start the series later need 3 doses.

Catch-Up Schedule

If a child falls behind on the recommended schedule, a catch-up schedule will be determined by the healthcare provider. The catch-up schedule is designed to complete the series as quickly and safely as possible.

VACCINATION LOCATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Maternal and Child Health Center - Laurel

Location: Laurel, MD

Services: Routine childhood vaccinations (ages 2 months - 18 years) Schedule: By appointment, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost: Sliding scale fees based on income; serves uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid, and Native American children

Phone: (301) 883-7879 or call 311

Website: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/health Note: Does not currently offer Flu or COVID-19 vaccines - contact local pharmacy instead

Cheverly Health Department Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (by appointment) Phone: (301) 883-7879 or call 311

URGENT CARE LOCATIONS OFFERING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

Maryland Primary and Urgent Care (Lanham)

Address: Lanham, MD (serves Laurel area)

Phone: (301) 277-3555

Services: Comprehensive childhood vaccinations

Ages: Birth to 18 years Note: Vaccination schedules available following CDC recommendations;

Patient First - Laurel

Services: Urgent care and primary care

Hours: Extended night, weekend, and holiday hours

Ages: All ages accepted Call to confirm specific childhood vaccines

American Family Care (AFC) - Maryland Locations

Services: Walk-in vaccinations and immunizations for children, including scheduled annual immunizations

Ages: All ages, family-friendly

Prosperity Clinic

Laurel Address: 13922 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707

Phone: (301) 483-3333

Services: Walk-in urgent care, board-certified physicians

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Scheduling Always call ahead or schedule online to confirm vaccine availability and age requirements.

Urgent Care Considerations

- Not all urgent care centers offer the full range of childhood vaccines
- They typically focus on: flu shots, school-required vaccines, travel vaccines, and some routine immunizations
- Best for: Catch-up vaccines, flu shots, and when your pediatrician's office is closed
- Always call ahead to confirm they have the specific vaccine your child needs, accept your child's age, vaccine is in stock, and your insurance is accepted

Bring Documentation

- Child's immunization record
- Insurance card

- Photo ID

For the most current information, please contact the facility directly before visiting.