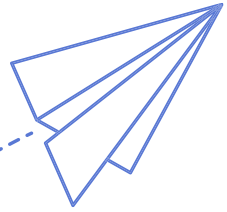


BACK TO SCHOOL VACCINE CHECKLIST



Required Immunizations for Kindergarten

COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for ages 5 and older.

If your child misses a shot, you don't need to start over. Just go back to your child's doctor for the next shot. Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about vaccines.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis (DTaP)

4-5 doses of DTaP depending on age of last vaccination

Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)

3 doses of Hib depending on previous vaccination status

Hepatitis A (HepA)

2 doses of HepA

Hepatitis B (HepB)

3 doses of HepB

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

2 doses of MMR

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)

4 doses of PCV depending on previous vaccination status

Polio (IPV)

3-4 doses of IPV depending on age of last vaccination

Varicella

2 doses of Varicella

Flu Vaccine*

*An annual flu vaccine is strongly recommended

For more information, visit gchd.org/immunizations or call 409.949.3459.

Vaccines and the Diseases They Prevent

| Vaccine | Protects against this disease | Disease spread by | Disease symptoms | Disease complications |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| DTaP | Diphtheria | Air, direct contact | Sore throat, mild fever, weakness, swollen glands in neck | severe bleeding, seizures, shock, damage to liver, heart, and lungs, death |
| | Tetanus | Exposure through cuts on skin | Stiffness in neck and abdominal muscles, difficulty swallowing, muscle spasms, fever | Broken bones, breathing difficulty, death |
| | Acellular Pertussis | Air, direct contact | Severe cough, runny nose, apnea (a pause in breathing in infants) | Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death |
| Hib | Hib | Air, direct contact | May be no symptoms unless bacteria enter the blood | Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), intellectual disability, epiglottitis (life-threatening infection that can block the windpipe and lead to serious breathing problems), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death |
| HepA | Hepatitis A | Direct contact, contaminated food or water | May be no symptoms, fever, stomach pain, loss of appetite, fatigue, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine | Liver failure, arthralgia (joint pain), kidney, pancreatic, and blood disorders, death |
| HepB | Hepatitis B | Contact with blood or body fluids | May be no symptoms, fever, headache, weakness, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), joint pain | Chronic liver infection, liver failure, liver cancer, death |
| IPV | Polio | Air, direct contact, through the mouth | May be no symptoms, sore throat, fever, nausea, headache | Paralysis, death |
| MMR | Measles | Air, direct contact | Rash, fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye | Encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death |
| | Mumps | Air, direct contact | Swollen salivary glands (under the jaw), fever, headache, tiredness, muscle pain | Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), encephalitis (brain swelling), inflammation of testicles or ovaries, deafness, death |
| | Rubella | Air, direct contact | Sometimes rash, fever, swollen lymph nodes | Very serious in pregnant women—can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, birth defects |
| PCV | Pneumococcal | Air, direct contact | May be no symptoms, pneumonia (infection in the lungs) | Bacteremia (blood infection), meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), death |
| Varicella | Chickenpox | Air, direct contact | Rash, tiredness, headache, fever | Infected blisters, bleeding disorders, encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death |
| Flu | Influenza (Flu) | Air, direct contact | Fever, muscle pain, sore throat, cough, extreme fatigue | Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), bronchitis, sinus infections, ear infections, death |

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