

The CDC's Childhood Vaccine Schedule

January 2026

1962

OPV
Smallpox
DTP

5 DOSES

1983

DTP (2 months)
OPV (2 months)
DTP (4 months)
OPV (4 months)
DTP (6 months)
MMR (15 months)
DTP (18 months)
OPV (18 months)
DTP (4 years)
OPV (4 years)
Td (15 years)

24 DOSES

2022

COVID x3 (pregnancy) **Influenza + COVID** (2 years)
Influenza (pregnancy) **Influenza + COVID** (3 years)
 RSV (pregnancy) **DTaP** (4 years)
Tdap (pregnancy) **IPV** (4 years)
Hep B (birth) **MMR** (4 years)
Hep B (2 months) **Varicella** (4 years)
Rotavirus (2 months) **Influenza + COVID** (4 years)
DTaP (2 months) **Influenza + COVID** (5 years)
HIB (2 months) **Influenza + COVID** (6 years)
PCV (2 months) **Influenza + COVID** (7 years)
IPV (2 months) **Influenza + COVID** (8 years)
Rotavirus (4 months) **Influenza + COVID** (9 years)
DTaP (4 months) **Influenza + COVID** (10 years)
HIB (4 months) **Influenza + COVID** (11 years)
PCV (4 months) **Meningococcal** (11 years)
IPV (4 months) **HPV x3** (9-15 years)
Hep B (6 months) **Influenza + COVID** (12 years)
COVID x3 (6-12 mos.) **Influenza + COVID** (13 years)
Rotavirus (6 months) **Influenza + COVID** (14 years)
DTaP (6 months) **Influenza + COVID** (15 years)
HIB (6 months) **Influenza + COVID** (16 years)
PCV (6 months) **Meningococcal** (16 years)
IPV (6 months) **Influenza + COVID** (17 years)
Influenza (6 months)
Influenza (7 months)
HIB (12 months)
PCV (12 months)
MMR (12 months)
Varicella (12 months)
Hep A (12 months)
DTaP (15 months)
Influenza (18 months)
Hep A (18 months)

94 DOSES
before age 18

2026

DTaP (pregnancy)
DTaP (2 months)
HIB (2 months)
PCV (2 months)
IPV (2 months)
DTaP (4 months)
HIB (4 months)
PCV (4 months)
IPV (4 months)
DTaP (6 months)
HIB (6 months)
PCV (6 months)
IPV (6 months)
HIB (12 months)
PCV (12 months)
MMR (12 months)
Varicella (12 months)
DTaP (15 months)
DTaP (4 years)
IPV (4 years)
MMR (4 years)
Varicella (4 years)
HPV (11 years)

36 DOSES
before age 18

*No recommended doses between 12-18 years old

(Children who miss shots, travel internationally, are high risk, immunocompromised, have special medical indications will get more. Doses counted by earliest age and max doses recommended.)



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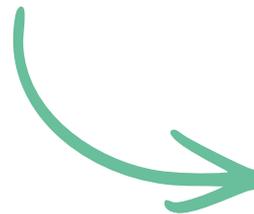
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Since 1986, Pharma has not been liable for vaccine injury or death.

School vaccine requirements and exemptions vary by state. CDC guidelines are public health recommendations, not state law.

- Lawsuits from vaccines like polio and DTP were putting manufacturers out of business.
- In 1986, Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act so pharma could no longer be sued for vaccine injury or death.
- The U.S. Supreme Court decided in 2011 that manufacturers also cannot be sued for design defects.
- The 1986 Act created a special vaccine court where over \$5.3 billion dollars in injuries have been paid out for vaccine injuries to children or their families, only a fraction of the claims.
- After the protections of the normal court process were removed, the government-recommended vaccine schedule exploded, and increases every year.
- Since 1986, there has been an estimated fourfold increase in chronic disease for American children.
- Influenza vaccine has the most compensated claims for injury.
- The CDC's schedule is not law, but many states look to it to create their own vaccine mandates for childhood education and many adopt it fully, making federal guidance into state law.
- **What about COVID?** Over 1 million adverse events were reported for COVID shots alone since the first EUA in December 2020. One shot doubled the entire database in 2 years. It can take longer than 2 years for vaccine injury to show itself.
 - In May 2025, HHS did away with COVID shot recommendations for healthy children and pregnant women.
- **In January 2026, after evaluating vaccine schedules from around the world, the Directors of NIH, FDA, and CMS recommended a 36 dose schedule, similar to Denmark's, that was then adopted by the CDC.**

***As of January 2026, the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) do not agree on the childhood vaccination schedule. The AAP continues to follow the more robust 2022 schedule, and there is growing division across the United States over which authority to trust. This decision belongs to you, and making it well requires good information. Our book, *The Vaccine Decision*, walks you through each vaccine so you can decide, shot by shot, how to move forward for your family. Order your book now and arm yourself before you make the decision.*



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