

## The Need

Lives and money can be saved if children are immunized on time. The United States has had lots of success in immunizing school-age children.

Unfortunately, millions of preschoolers are at risk because many people do not realize that vaccination is recommended before the age of two. In addition, so many families today do not have a regular source of health care.

During 1989 - 1991 our nation had the largest measles outbreak in decades. Other childhood diseases like whooping cough and rubella also increased.

## Every Child By Two

Because of this re-emergence of childhood diseases, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and Betty Bumpers, formed *Every Child By Two*.

Here in Montana, Former First Lady Theresa Racicot, Former First Lady Carol Judge, and Carol Williams, wife of Montana's former Congressman Pat Williams are working together to encourage local action to help get kids immunized. Statewide they are developing educational outreach to ensure that all of our children, now and in the future, will be fully vaccinated by age two.

Now they need your help—as a caring parent and concerned citizen.

## What You Can Do

As a responsible parent, you're taking this step for your child's health. Children need vaccinations — *this is important* — they need to visit a doctor on a regular basis. Find a doctor you trust, or a clinic or health center in your area and give your child a "medical home."

Now take the lead and talk to your friends about the importance of immunizing their children by age two. And help them understand that regular visits to the doctor are part of good parenting.



**every child by two!**

The Carter/Bumpers Campaign For Early Immunization

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# Vaccinate



## A Parent's Guide To Immunization

♥ *Some parents think they can't afford to vaccinate their babies. But they can't afford not to vaccinate.*

—Rosalynn Carter

♥ *Immunizing our children early is a way of saying I love you.*

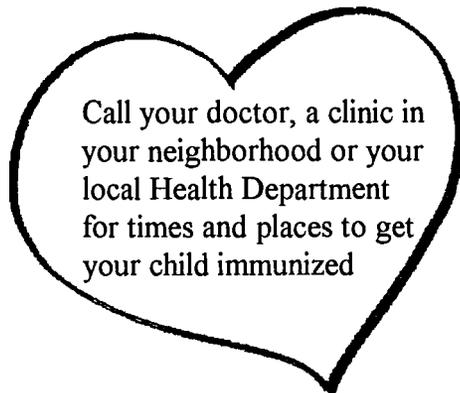
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# ♥ Immunization Schedule ♥

## Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule UNITED STATES • 2004

Vaccine	Age	Birth	1 mo	2 mo	4 mo	6 mo	12 mo	15 mo	18 mo	24 mo	4-6 y	11-12 y	13-18 y
Hepatitis B*		HepB #1		HepB #2			HepB #3				HepB Series		
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis†				DTaP	DTaP	DTaP		DTaP			DTaP	Td	Td
Haemophilus influenzae type b†				Hib	Hib	Hib		Hib					
Inactivated Poliovirus				IPV	IPV			IPV			IPV		
Measles, Mumps, Rubella†								MMR #1			MMR #2		MMR #2
Varicella†								Varicella				Varicella	
Pneumococcal*				PCV	PCV	PCV		PCV			PCV	PPV	
Influenza†								Influenza (Yearly)				Influenza (Yearly)	
----- Vaccines below dotted line are for selected populations -----													
Hepatitis A*												Hepatitis A Series	

<b>Hep B</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent Hepatitis B, highly infectious virus which attacks the liver.
<b>DTaP</b>	-	Combined vaccine to prevent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough).
<b>Hib</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent Haemophilus b influenzae disease, a leading cause of meningitis (an infection of the brain or covering of the brain and spinal cord).
<b>IPV</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent Polio
<b>MMR</b>	-	Combined vaccine to prevent Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
<b>Var</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent Varicella Zoster or Chickenpox.
<b>PCV</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent invasive pneumococcal disease (a group of diseases caused by a bacterium). Some of the most serious diseases are meningitis (an infection of the brain or covering of the brain and spinal cord) and blood poisoning.
<b>Flu</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent influenza. Children 6-23 months of age should be vaccinated annually. Children aged ≤ 8 years who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time should receive 2 doses.
<b>Hep A</b>	-	Vaccine to prevent Hepatitis A, which attacks the liver. Vaccine used in communities with high rates of Hepatitis A disease.



*Hang on your refrigerator as an early reminder to immunize*



My child's birthdate is \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be:

2 months old in the month of \_\_\_\_\_

4 months old in the month of \_\_\_\_\_

6 months old in the month of \_\_\_\_\_

15 months old in the month of \_\_\_\_\_

*This is your personal schedule for the important early vaccinations your child will need to have before the age of two.*