

# Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents, Ages 18 Years or Younger, United States, 2018

## ALSO INCLUDED: Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines in Children and Teens

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) created this laminated schedule based on the “Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Ages 18 Years or Younger – United States, 2018,” published on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules). An article about the development of the schedule, as well as a summary of the changes from the 2017 schedule, was published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* on February 9, 2018 (*MMWR*, 2018; 67[5]:156–7).

This schedule contains recommendations for people age 0 through 18 years (see Figure 1) as well as a catch-up schedule for people who start immunizations late or who are more than one month behind on the immunization schedule (see Figure 2).

In addition, IAC has included a list of contraindications and precautions that should be considered before vaccines are administered. The list is shown in Table 1, “Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines in Children and Teens,” which is adapted from Table 4-1 in “General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization. Best Practices Guidance of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)” available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html).

Please note that the “Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Ages 18 Years or Younger – United States, 2018,” reflects vaccination recommendations issued by CDC as of January 1, 2018. Vaccination recommendations issued by CDC after January 1, 2018, are official, even though they are not included in this document.

The most current versions of vaccination recommendations, contraindications, and precautions, as well as related articles published in *MMWR*, are posted on the website of CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html) (in alphabetical order) and on IAC’s website at [www.immunize.org/acip](http://www.immunize.org/acip) (in alphabetical and chronological order). For other versions of CDC recommended immunization schedules, including parent-friendly versions, go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html).



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