

2026 Childhood Immunizations Overview



There are varying recommendations on routinely recommended childhood immunizations. The table below summarizes the recommendations.

Immunization	CDC Routine Recommendation	American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended	American Academy of Family Physicians	Kentucky Department of Public Health School Entry Requirements
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (whooping cough)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haemophilus Influenza Type B	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pneumococcal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Polio	✓	✓	✓	✓
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	✓	✓	✓	✓
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	✓	✓	✓	
Varicella (chickenpox)	✓	✓	✓	✓
RSV	■	✓	✓	
Hepatitis A	■★	✓	✓	✓
Hepatitis B	■★	✓	✓	✓
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y	■★	✓	✓	✓
Meningococcal B	■★	■★	■	
COVID-19	★	✓■★	✓■★	
Rotavirus	★	✓	✓	
Influenza	★	✓	✓	

For more information on the benefits/risks of each vaccine, please review the Vaccine Information Sheet which can be accessed on the CDC's website by accessing the QR code.



KEY
 ✓ Recommended Routinely for applicable ages
 ■ Recommended for Certain Groups or High -Risk Populations
 ★ Recommended Based on Shared Clinical Decision-Making

If you have questions about immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your child's provider to further discuss.

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