



Vaccination Schedule for Infancy and Early Childhood

Apr. 2026

Vaccine 	Type	Dose(s)	Infancy												Early Childhood						Middle Childhood	Interval Period for Vaccinations 
			2-month-old	3-month-old	4-month-old	5-month-old	6-month-old	7-month-old	8-month-old	9-month-old	10-month-old	11-month-old	12-month-old	15-month-old	18-month-old	2-year-old	3-year-old	4-year-old	5-year-old	6-year-old	7-year-old	
Routine Vaccinations	Pediatric Pneumococcal* ¹	Inactivated	4	①②③									④							1st, 2nd, 3rd doses are given 27 days or more apart; 4th dose is given 60 days or more after 3rd dose was taken and child is 1-year of age. *2nd and 3rd doses are given by 24 months of age. After 24 months, 2nd and 3rd doses are not given and only booster can be given. *If 2nd dose is given after 12 months of age, 3rd dose will not be given and a booster can be given.		
	Hepatitis B* ²	Inactivated	3	① ②		③													1st and 2nd doses are given 27 days or more apart; 3rd dose is given 139 days or more after the 1st dose was taken.			
	Rotavirus (Choose option)	Rotarix	Oral (Live)	2	① ②															1st and 2nd doses of Rotarix (monovalent) are given 27 days or more apart; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd doses of RotaTeq (pentavalent) are given 27 days or more apart. Please complete the initial dose for both within 14 weeks and 6 days after birth.		
		RotaTeq		3	① ② ③																	
	DPT-IPV-Hib 5-in-1 Combination Vaccine(Diphtheria / Pertussis / Tetanus / Polio / Hib)		Inactivated	4	①②③									④							1st, 2nd, and 3rd doses are given 20 days or more apart; 4th dose is given 6 months or more after the 3rd dose was taken.	
	BCG (Tuberculosis)		Live	1	①													This 1-dose vaccination is offered at commissioned medical institutions. *Mass vaccinations at Health and Welfare Centers end in March 2023.				
	MR (Measles / Rubella)		Live	2							①								②		1st dose given when child is 1-year of age; 2nd dose given when child is in final year of kindergarten.	
	Varicella (Chickenpox)		Live	2							①		②									1st and 2nd doses are given 3 months or more apart.
Japan Encephalitis		Inactivated	3													① ③			1st and 2nd doses are given 6 days or more apart; 3rd dose is given 6 months or more after the 2nd dose was taken.			
* ³ Voluntary Vaccinations	Epidemic Parotitis (Mumps)	Live	1 (2)							①						②			1st dose given when child is 1-year of age; 2nd dose given when child is in final year of kindergarten. The 2nd dose will create a stronger immune response.			
	Influenza	Inactivated	2	2 doses required every year (Around October to December)													1st and 2nd doses are given 2 to 4 weeks apart.					

Standard Age for Vaccinations and of Doses



Applicable Age (Expenses covered by government)



Applicable Age (Expenses covered by individual)

①~④ refers to dose numbers

*¹ For those who are getting vaccinated at 2 to 7 months after birth, 4 doses are required. (For those who are 7 months or older after birth, 1 to 3 doses are required.)

*² *Not applicable to those with treatment for preventing mother-to-child virus transmission.

(*Refers to those who have received human anti-HBs immunoglobulin along with Hepatitis B vaccine (recombinant) because mothers' antigen reacted positive and there was concern with Hep B virus transmission in the womb or birth canal.)

*³ For details on voluntary vaccinations, please refer to main vaccination schedule recommended by the Japan Pediatric Society.