



# IMMUNIZATION FOR EVERY CHILD



## What is immunization?

Immunization is the process where a child becomes protected against a disease by the introduction of a vaccine into the body. Immunization may also be called vaccination, needles or shots.

## How does it work?

Vaccines cause your child's immune system to produce antibodies and form memory cells which prevent reinfection. For immunization to work best, children must have all their immunizations on time.

## Are vaccines safe?

Vaccines used in Canada are very safe. They are developed with the highest standards and are continuously monitored and tested before being approved for use. Mild side effects, such as fever or redness at the injection site, may occur and last for a short time. Serious reactions are extremely rare.

## Recommended vaccines for your child

The following vaccines are routinely recommended for children, from infancy to adolescence. These vaccines offer the best protection against preventable diseases. Parents are encouraged to contact their health care provider or local public health office to learn about the childhood immunization schedule for their province or territory.

### **DTap-IPV-Hib**

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, inactivated poliovirus, haemophilus influenzae type b

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### **Tdap or Tdap-IPV**

Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis or with inactivated poliovirus

### **MMR or MMRV**

Measles, mumps and rubella or with varicella

### **RV** Rotavirus

### **HB** Hepatitis B

### **Var** Varicella

### **Pneu-C-13** Pneumococcal

### **Men-C or Men-C-ACYW-135** Meningococcal

### **Flu** Influenza

### **HPV** Human Papillomavirus

## Travelling to another country?

Consult a travel health clinic, a health care provider, a local public health office, or visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/>

## Track your immunizations

Track your immunizations using your provincial/territorial immunization record.