



Recommended catch-up immunisation schedule for children who have not started or are more than 1 month behind



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How to use this table: First check if child has received any vaccines documented in the Road to Health Booklet or similar document. If not documented, assume that vaccine has not been given. Always continue from the last dose the child has received. Child may be too old to receive some vaccines. Use the standard intervals and ages recommended in the National Immunisation Programme schedule once the child is up to date.

**If child presents after 6 months of age and has not received measles vaccination, it is recommended to prioritise catch-up of measles first.
Do not administer measles vaccine (MeasBio®) at the same time as other vaccines*.**

Vaccine	Standard recommended age for dose(s)	Age at presentation for catch-up immunisation	Dose 1 (unless already received as per normal schedule)	Timing of catch-up doses		
				Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4
BCG Bacille Calmette-Guérin	Birth	<12 months & no contraindications ^α	Give now	-		
		>12 months	Do not give			
OPV Oral polio vaccine	Dose 1: birth Dose 2: 6 weeks	<6 months	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1 (if still <6 months of age)	-	-
		>6 months	Do not give	-		
DTaP-IPV-Hib-HBV Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular pertussis, Inactivated polio vaccine, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b, Hepatitis B vaccine	Dose 1: 6 weeks Dose 2: 10 weeks Dose 3: 14 weeks Dose 4: 18 months	<2 years	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 2	At or after 18 months of age (4 weeks after dose 3)
		2 - <6 years	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1 (if still <6 years of age)	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 2 (if still <6 years of age)	A minimum of 12 months after dose 3 (if still <6 years of age)
RV Rotavirus vaccine	Dose 1: 6 weeks Dose 2: 14 weeks	<20 weeks	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1	-	-
		20 - 24 weeks	Give now	-		
		>24 weeks	Do not give	-		
PCV Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine	Dose 1: 6 weeks Dose 2: 14 weeks Dose 3: 9 months	<6 months	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1	At 9 months of age	-
		6 - 11 months	Give now	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1	After 1 year of age (8 weeks after dose 2)	-
		12 months - <6 years	Give now	No further doses required unless a specific long-term health condition [#] is present, in which case give dose 2 (at least 4 weeks after dose 1) and dose 3 (8 weeks after dose 2)		
Measles*	Dose 1: 6 months Dose 2: 12 months	<11 months	Give now (Before any other vaccines - refer to footnote below)*	At 12 months of age*	-	-
		>11 months	Give now*	A minimum of 4 weeks after dose 1*	-	-
Td Tetanus, Reduced strength	Dose 1: 4-6 years Dose 2: 12 years	>6 years	Give now	-	-	-
		>12 - 15 years	Give now	-		

^α Contraindications to BCG vaccination include confirmed HIV infection, neonates or infants who are receiving tuberculosis preventive therapy (TPT) or anti-tuberculosis (TB) treatment, primary immunodeficiency diseases or immunosuppressive therapy. Administer BCG vaccine 2 weeks after completing TPT or anti-TB treatment if no other contraindications.

[#] Specific long-term health conditions include chronic lung disease, chronic heart disease, diabetes mellitus, cerebrospinal fluid leak, cochlear implant, haemoglobinopathy, asplenia, congenital or acquired immunodeficiency, chronic renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, chronic liver disease. Obtain expert advice for specific recommendations for different conditions.

* Do not administer measles vaccine (MeasBio®) at the same time as other vaccines – if missed, give first on its own and allow an interval of 4 weeks before next dose of any vaccine.