Nova Scotia Childhood Immunization Schedule

Publicly Funded Vaccines – Information for Health Professionals

Age	Vaccine	Site	Route	Needle Size (based on assessment of child)
2 months	DTaP-IPV-Hib Pneumococcal	vastus lateralis (thigh) vastus lateralis (thigh)	I/M I/M	25g 1 inch 25g 1 inch
4 months	DTaP-IPV-Hib Pneumococcal	vastus lateralis (thigh) vastus lateralis (thigh)	I/M I/M	25g 1 inch 25g 1 inch
6 months	DTaP-IPV-Hib	vastus lateralis (thigh)	I/M	25g 1 inch
12 months	MMRV Meningococcal C Pneumococcal	upper arm vastus lateralis (thigh) vastus lateralis (thigh)	S/C I/M I/M	25g 5/8 inch 25g 1 inch 25g 1 inch
18 months	DTaP-IPV-Hib	deltoid	I/M	25g 1 inch
4-6 years (before starting school)	DTaP-IPV MMRV	deltoid upper arm	I/M S/C	25g 1 inch 25g 5/8 inch

School-based Program:

Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap), Meningococcal C Conjugate and Human Papillomavirus (HPV – for girls only) vaccines are offered in the school-based immunization program.

Please call Public Health if you have any questions about the school-based immunization program.

Unimmunized Children 1-6 Years of Age

Visit	Vaccine
Initial Visit	DTaP-IPV-Hib*+MMRV Meningococcal C Pneumococcal*
2nd visit – 2 months later	DTaP-IPV
3rd visit – 2 months later	DTaP-IPV
4th visit – 12 months later	DTaP-IPV
4-6 years of age	DTaP-IPV+MMRV

Unimmunized Children 7 Years of Age and Older

Visit	Vaccine
Initial Visit	Tdap+IPV+MMRV+ Meningococcal
2 months after 1st visit	Tdap+IPV+MMRV
6-12 months after 2nd visit	Tdap+IPV
10 years later	Tdap

*Hib and Pneumococcal conjugate schedule and number of doses depends on age when immunization started. Consult product monograph.
Routine Hib and Pneumococcal conjugate are recommended up to 59 months of age.

- Interruption of a vaccine schedule does not require restarting the series, regardless of length of time since last dose.
- Record date given, vaccine name, lot number, site and route of administration, and vaccine provider's name on reciprocal form or into PHIM.
- Use only the specific diluents provided for each vaccine to reconstitute the vaccine. Diluents are not interchangeable.
- For unusual or serious **adverse reactions** to vaccines, complete AEFI form: **www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/aefi-form-eng.php** and submit to Public Health.
- **Cold chain:** Vaccines must be kept at a temperature of +2 to +8°C. In the event of a fridge failure, keep vaccine refrigerated and contact Public Health immediately for advice on vaccine use.
- **Immunization Resources / Websites:**
  - Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness: **www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/cdpc/immunization.asp**
  - Public Health Agency of Canada: **www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/index-eng.php**
  - Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness and Promotion: **www.immunize.ca**
  - Canadian Paediatric Society: **www.cps.ca**

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