

Vaccination,
the best protection

A new immunization schedule

will come into effect
on June 1, 2019

Who is the new immunization schedule for?

The new immunization schedule is for **children in good health who were born on or after June 1, 2019.**

The new schedule does not apply to children born before June 1, 2019, with the exception of the combined vaccine for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, which will be administered at 12 and 18 months. It is important to follow the immunization schedule the child started with. Each schedule accounts for the number of doses to be administered and the recommended interval between doses.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS,

contact the person giving the vaccine,
or Info-Santé 811 or your doctor.

[Québec.ca/vaccination](http://Quebec.ca/vaccination)



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Why change the immunization schedule?

With the current immunization schedule, parents have to make numerous appointments and some end up putting off—or refusing—the administration of certain vaccines.

Based on the most recent data, Québec's experts have concluded that the immunization schedule for healthy children could be simplified while providing the necessary protection against vaccine-preventable diseases. The new schedule reduces the number of appointments needed, which makes it easier for parents to stick to the schedule.

What's new with the new immunization schedule?

- The immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) infections now comes in 3 doses instead of 4. This does away with the need for an immunization visit at 6 months.
- The vaccine against meningococcus C is administered at 18 months.
- The vaccine against varicella is administered at 12 and 18 months along with a vaccine against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella.
- A vaccine against hepatitis A and B is administered at 18 months.

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Here are the vaccines recommended for children **born on or after June 1, 2019**. Other vaccines could be recommended for children with specific medical conditions.

Immunizes against :	2 months	4 months	12 months	18 months	4-6 years
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, polio, Hib infections	✓	✓	✓ (without hepatitis B)		
Pneumococcus	✓	✓	✓		
Rotavirus	✓	✓			
Meningococcus C				✓	
Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella			✓	✓	
Hepatitis A and B				✓	
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio					✓