

# Older children and teens need vaccines too!

## 2025 Recommended Immunizations for Children 7–18 Years Old

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RECOMMENDED VACCINES	7 YEARS	8 YEARS	9 YEARS	10 YEARS	11 YEARS	12 YEARS	13 YEARS	14 YEARS	15 YEARS	16 YEARS	17 YEARS	18 YEARS
<b>HPV</b>			ALL children in age group can get the vaccine		ALL children in age group should get the vaccine							
<b>Tdap</b>					ALL children in age group should get the vaccine							
<b>Meningococcal ACWY</b>					ALL children in age group should get the vaccine					ALL children in age group should get the vaccine		
<b>Meningococcal B</b>										Parents/caregivers should talk to their health care provider to decide if this vaccine is right for their child		
<b>Influenza/Flu</b>	Every year. Two doses for some children		Every year									
<b>COVID-19</b>	At least 1 dose of the current COVID-19 vaccine											
<b>Mpox</b>												SOME children in age group should get the vaccine
<b>Dengue</b>			ONLY if living in a place where dengue is common AND has laboratory test confirming past dengue infection									

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### Talk to your child's health care provider for more guidance if:

1. Your child has any medical condition that puts them at higher risk for infection or is pregnant.
2. Your child is traveling outside the United States. Visit [wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel) for more information.
3. Your child misses any vaccine recommended for their age or for babies and young children.

# What diseases do these vaccines protect against?

7-18 YEARS OLD

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS	NUMBER OF VACCINE DOSES
<p><b>HPV (Human papillomavirus)</b> Contagious viral infection spread by close skin-to-skin touching, including during sex</p>	Genital warts and many types of cancers later in life, including cancers of the cervix, vagina, penis, anus, and throat	2 or 3 doses
<p><b>Tetanus (Lockjaw)*</b> Infection caused by bacterial spores found in soil and dust everywhere; spores enter the body through wounds or broken skin</p>	Seizures, broken bones, difficulty breathing, death	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses 1 dose for dirty wounds
<p><b>Diphtheria*</b> Illness caused by a toxin produced by bacteria that infects the nose, throat, and sometimes skin</p>	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses
<p><b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)*</b> Contagious bacterial infection of the lungs and airway; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), death; especially dangerous for babies	1 dose at age 11-12 years Additional doses if missed childhood doses 1 dose every pregnancy
<p><b>Meningococcal**</b> Contagious bacterial infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord or the bloodstream; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Loss of arm or leg, deafness, seizures, death	2 doses. Additional doses may be needed depending on medical condition or vaccine used.
<p><b>Influenza (Flu)</b> Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs; spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia), sinus and ear infections, worsening of underlying heart or lung conditions, death	1 dose each year 2 doses in some children aged 6 months through 8 years
<p><b>COVID-19</b> Contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, or lungs; may feel like a cold or flu. Spread through air and direct contact</p>	Infection of the lungs (pneumonia); blood clots; liver, heart or kidney damage; long COVID; death	1 or more doses of the current COVID-19 vaccine depending on health status. For more information: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/covidschedule">www.cdc.gov/covidschedule</a>
<p><b>Mpox</b> Contagious viral infection spread through close, often skin-to-skin contact, including sex; causes a painful rash, fever, headache, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes</p>	Infected sores, brain swelling, infection of the lungs (pneumonia), eye infection, blindness, death	2 doses
<p><b>Dengue</b> Viral infection spread by bite from infected mosquito; causes fever, headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, joint pain, body ache, nausea, loss of appetite, feeling tired, abdominal pain</p>	Severe bleeding, seizures, shock, damage to the liver, heart, and lungs, death	3 doses

\*Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

\*\*Healthy adolescents: Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (2 doses); Meningococcal B vaccine (2 doses if needed).