

Know the Rotavirus Vaccine Schedule

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Minimum and Maximum Ages

- 1) Do not start the rotavirus vaccine series before 6 weeks of age or after 14 weeks, 6 days. In other words, if the child is 15 weeks of age or older do not start the rotavirus series, because of insufficient data on the safety of the 1st dose in older infants.
- 2) Do not give any dose of rotavirus vaccine after a child reaches 8 months of age (8 months, 0 days) because of insufficient data on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in infants this age and older.

Possible Rotavirus Vaccine Schedules

The ACIP recommends routine rotavirus vaccination of infants in the U.S. according to the following schedules (dependent upon which brand of vaccine is used) and does not express a preference for one brand over the other.

1) RotaTeq[®] Schedule:

A primary series of **RotaTeq is three doses** at 2, 4, and 6 months of age for a total of 3 doses.

2) Rotarix[®] Schedule:

A primary series of **Rotarix is two doses** at 2 and 4 months of age for a total of 2 doses.

3) Unknown type of rotavirus vaccine given at 2 or 4 months or a mixed schedule (one dose of each type was used): If you do not know what type of rotavirus vaccine the child received at 2 or 4 months of age or if one of the doses was RotaTeq and the other dose was Rotarix then a dose is needed at 6 months of age for a total of 3 doses. The third dose may be either RotaTeq or Rotarix whichever vaccine is available.

Rotavirus Schedules	Primary Series		
	2 months	4 months	6 months
All doses Rotarix	Rotarix #1	Rotarix #2	None
All doses RotaTeq	RotaTeq #1	RotaTeq #2	RotaTeq #3
Schedule if type of rotavirus vaccine is unknown or both types are used	Dose #1 Unknown type	Dose #2 Unknown type	Dose #3 Rotarix or Rotateq
Minimum ages and intervals	<i>Minimum age for 1st dose is 6 weeks</i>	<i>2nd dose must be at least 4 weeks after 1st dose</i>	<i>3rd dose must be at least 4 weeks after 2nd dose</i>
Maximum ages	<i>Do not give 1st dose after 14 weeks, 6 days of age</i>		<i>Do not give final dose after 8 months, 0 days of age</i>

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