

### How To Keep On Track!

- ▶ Begin your child's immunizations on time. Hepatitis B can be given at birth and other vaccines start at 6 weeks of age.
- ▶ Never miss a chance to get your child immunized.
- ▶ Have your doctor or nurse review, update and enter each immunization given into the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS).
- ▶ Keep a record of your child's immunizations and take it with you when you visit your doctor or public health clinic.
- ▶ If you do not have a record, ask your provider to check GRITS.
- ▶ Mark the due date of your child's next vaccination and stay on schedule.
- ▶ Talk with your doctor or nurse about each vaccine. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- ▶ Be careful to review all vaccine facts that you receive before your child is immunized.

### How To Comfort Your Child.

- ▶ Stay Calm – Your child can sense if you are nervous or upset.
- ▶ Talk Quietly – Speak in a soothing, quiet voice to comfort your child.
- ▶ Hold Your Child – Being close to you will comfort your child.
- ▶ Preoccupy Your Child – Try to distract your child with other things such as singing or playing a game.
- ▶ Bring a Toy – A toy or special item from home can help calm your child.
- ▶ Allow Your Child To Cry – It's a normal response.
- ▶ Be Truthful – Don't tell your child it won't hurt.



### When to Immunize (Vaccines are listed by the age and age range they are to be given)

\*Each frog equals one dose.

Age	Hep B (Hepatitis B)	DTaP/Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Hib (Haemophilus influenza type B)	Polio	PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	RV (Rotavirus)	MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hep A (Hepatitis A)	MCV4 (Meningococcal Conjugate)	Influenza	HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
Birth												
1 Month												
2 Months												
4 Months												
6 Months												
12-18 Months		15-18 months	12, 15 months		12-15 months		12-15 months	12-15 months	2 doses			
19-23 Months	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup> (to 5 years)	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3,5</sup> (to 5 years)		Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup> <small>Recommended for children at risk who are 2 years of age and older if not previously vaccinated.</small>	5	2 6 months – 18 years (given for each flu season)	3 doses
24-47 Months												
4-6 Years												
7-10 Years												
11-12 Years												
13-14 Years												
15 Years	Catch-Up <sup>3,4</sup> (Tdap/Td)			Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>			Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>	Catch-Up <sup>3</sup>			
16-18 Years												

This schedule was adapted from the immunization schedule published by the Immunization Action Coalition and the recommendations approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

- Your infant may not need a dose of Hib vaccine at 6 months of age depending on the brand of vaccine that your health care provider uses.
- A child that is younger than 9 years and getting vaccinated against influenza for the first time should get two doses spaced at least four weeks apart.
- Vaccinations delayed or missed entirely should be given as soon as possible.
- One dose of Tdap is recommended for persons 11 years and older.
- Children age 2 and older with high-risk health problems may need additional doses.
- Your infant may not need a dose of rotavirus at 6 months depending on the brand of vaccine your health care provider uses.

### Responsibilities Associated with Immunization Requirements

- ▶ Physicians and Public Health Clinics:
  - Knowing the current legal requirements for attendance and accurately completing the certificate
  - Administering immunizations according to the current Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule
  - Reporting the occurrence of any diseases listed on the "Notifiable Disease List"
  - Report any adverse event following the administration of a vaccine to VAERS
- ▶ Child Care and School:
  - Review the certificates for validity prior to accepting
  - Develop a system for immunization certificate management
  - Have certificates available for inspection and audit by health officials
  - Report the occurrence of any disease listed on the "Notifiable Disease List"



### Responsibilities of Parents or Caregivers

- ▶ Take your child to a health care provider for check-ups and immunizations at the recommended times
- ▶ Review all vaccine facts received before your child is immunized
- ▶ Discuss any questions or concerns about vaccines with your child's health care provider
- ▶ Keep your child's personal immunization record and take it with you on each visit to the health care provider to be assessed and updated
- ▶ Mark your child's vaccination due date and stay on schedule
- ▶ Obtain appropriate certificate for child care and school attendance from your health care provider
- ▶ Give a copy of the certificate to each facility your child attends