

TABLE 1. Recommended schedule for active immunization of normal infants and children (See individual ACIP recommendations for details.)

Recommended age*	Vaccine(s) <sup>†</sup>	Comments
2 mo.	DTP-1, <sup>§</sup> OPV-1 <sup>¶</sup>	Can be given earlier in areas of high endemicity
4 mo.	DTP-2, OPV-2	6-wks-2-mo. interval desired between OPV doses to avoid interference
6 mo.	DTP-3	An additional dose of OPV at this time is optional for use in areas with a high risk of polio exposure
15 mo.**	MMR <sup>††</sup>	
18 mo.**	DTP-4, OPV-3	Completion of primary series
4-6 yr. <sup>§§</sup>	DTP-5, OPV-4	Preferably at or before school entry
14-16 yr.	Td <sup>¶¶</sup>	Repeat every 10 years throughout life

\*These recommended ages should not be construed as absolute, i.e. 2 mos. can be 6-10 weeks, etc.

<sup>†</sup>For all products used, consult manufacturer's package enclosure for instructions for storage, handling, and administration. Immunobiologics prepared by different manufacturers may vary, and those of the same manufacturer may change from time to time. The package insert should be followed for a specific product.

<sup>§</sup>DTP—Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine.

<sup>¶</sup>OPV—Oral, attenuated poliovirus vaccine contains poliovirus types 1, 2, and 3.

\*\*Simultaneous administration of MMR, DTP, and OPV is appropriate for patients whose compliance with medical care recommendations cannot be assured.

<sup>††</sup>MMR—Live measles, mumps, and rubella viruses in a combined vaccine (see text for discussion of single vaccines versus combination).

<sup>§§</sup>Up to the seventh birthday.

<sup>¶¶</sup>Td—Adult tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid in combination, which contains the same dose of tetanus toxoid as DTP or DT and a reduced dose of diphtheria toxoid.

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#### Alternative Schedule #1: Turn Back the Clock