Administering Vaccines:

Dose, Route, Site, and Needle Size

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Vaccine	Dose	Route
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Tdap, Td)	0.5 mL	IM
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	0.5 mL	IM
Hepatitis A (HepA)	≤18 yrs: 0.5 mL	IM
	≥19 yrs: 1.0 mL	
Hepatitis B (HepB)	≤19 yrs: 0.5 mL	IM
Persons 11–15 yrs may be given Recombivax HB (Merck) 1.0 mL adult formulation on a 2-dose schedule.	≥20 yrs: 1.0 mL	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	0.5 mL	IM
Influenza, live attenuated (LAIV)	0.2 mL (0.1 mL in each nostril)	Intranasal spray
Influenza, inactivated (IIV); recombinant	6–35 mos: 0.25 mL	IM
(RIV), for ages 18 years and older	≥3 yrs: 0.5 mL	
Influenza (IIV) Fluzone Intradermal, for ages 18 through 64 years	0.1 mL	ID
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	0.5 mL	Subcut
Meningococcal conjugate (MCV4 [MenACWY])	0.5 mL	IM
Meningococcal serogroup B (MenB)	0.5 mL	IM
Meningococcal polysaccharide (MPSV)	0.5 mL	Subcut
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	0.5 mL	IM
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV)	0.5 mL	IM or Subcut
Polio, inactivated (IPV)	0.5 mL	IM or Subcut
Rotavirus (RV)	Rotarix: 1.0 mL	Oral
	Rotateq: 2.0 mL	
Varicella (Var)	0.5 mL	Subcut
Zoster (Zos)	0.65 mL	Subcut
Combination Vaccines		
DTaP-HepB-IPV (Pediarix) DTaP-IPV/Hib (Pentacel) DTaP-IPV (Kinrix; Quadracel) Hib-HepB (Comvax) Hib-MenCY (MenHibrix)	0.5 mL	IM
MMRV (ProQuad)	≤12 yrs: 0.5 mL	Subcut
HepA-HepB (Twinrix)	≥18 yrs: 1.0 mL	IM

Injection Site and Needle Size

Subcutaneous (Subcut) injection

Use a 23–25 gauge needle. Choose the injection site that is appropriate to the person's age and body mass.

AGE	NEEDLE LENGTH	INJECTION SITE	
Infants (1–12 mos)	5/8"	Fatty tissue over anterolateral thigh muscle	
Children 12 mos or older, adolescents, and adults	5/8"	Fatty tissue over anterolateral thigh muscle or fatty tissue over triceps	

Intramuscular (IM) injection

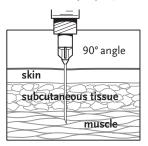
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AGE	NEEDLE LENGTH	INJECTION SITE	
Newborns (1st 28 days)	5/8"	Anterolateral thigh muscle	
Infants (1–12 mos)	1"	Anterolateral thigh muscle	
Toddlers (1–2 years)	1–11/4"	Anterolateral thigh muscle	
	5/8—1"	Deltoid muscle of arm	
Children and teens (3–18 years)	5/8-1"*	Deltoid muscle of arm	
	1–11⁄4"	Anterolateral thigh muscle	
Adults 19 years or older			
Female or male <130 lbs	5/8-1"*	Deltoid muscle of arm	
Female or male 130–152 lbs	1"	Deltoid muscle of arm	
Female 153–200 lbs Male 130–260 lbs	1–11/2"	Deltoid muscle of arm	
Female 200+ lbs Male 260+ lbs	11/2"	Deltoid muscle of arm	

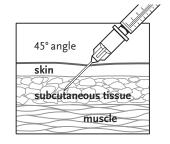
^{*} A 5/8" needle may be used for patients weighing less than 130 lbs (<60 kg) for IM injection in the deltoid muscle only if the skin stretched tight, the subcutaneous tissue is not bunched, and the injection is made at a 90-degree angle.

NOTE: Always refer to the package insert included with each biologic for complete vaccine administration information. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for the particular vaccine should be reviewed as well. Access the ACIP recommendations at www.immunize.org/acip.

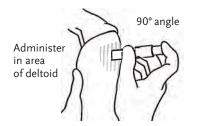
Intramuscular (IM) injection



Subcutaneous (Subcut) injection



Intradermal (ID) administration of Fluzone ID vaccine



Intranasal (NAS) administration of Flumist (LAIV) vaccine



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