



Measles Vaccine Options:

6 MONTHS VS. 12 MONTHS

The measles vaccine is important for keeping kids safe from the measles virus. Learn more about the options and considerations for giving the vaccine at **6 months** or **12 months old**. The best time to vaccinate depends on things like travel plans and local outbreaks. Both options help protect children from measles and keep them healthy.

EARLY PROTECTION

Babies aged 6 to 11 months can get an early dose of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine, especially if they are at high risk, like during an outbreak or before traveling internationally.

ROUTINE VACCINATION

The first dose of the MMR vaccine is recommended at 12-15 months of age.

TEMPORARY IMMUNITY

This dose provides temporary protection and is not counted as part of the routine vaccination series.

HIGH EFFICACY

A dose given after 12 months results in immunity in approximately 93% of children.

FOLLOW-UP DOSES

Babies who get the early dose of the MMR vaccine will still need the regular two doses: one at 12-15 months and another at 4-6 years.



6 MONTHS OLD

12 MONTHS OLD

LONG-TERM PROTECTION


The second dose, given between 4-6 years, boosts immunity to about 97%.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS




TRAVEL AND OUTBREAKS

Infants traveling internationally or during a local outbreak should receive the early dose at 6 months.



ROUTINE SCHEDULE

For most children, the routine schedule starting at 12 months is sufficient and provides long-term protection.



CONSULT YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

Always talk to your healthcare provider to find the best vaccination schedule for your child based on their specific situation and health needs.