

Recommended Regimen for Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Among Children With a Lapse in Vaccine Administration

How to use this chart:

1. Locate the child's age in the left column.
2. In the row with the child's age, locate the number of previous doses of PCV received.
3. The corresponding cell to the right of the number of previous doses in the "recommended regimen" column provides the recommended number of doses for the child.

Child's age now	Previous pneumococcal conjugate vaccination	Recommended regimen	Total doses in the series
2 through 6 months	0 doses	Give 3 doses 2 months apart. The 4th dose will be given at 12-15 months as the final dose	4
	1 dose	Give 2 doses 2 months apart. The 4th dose will be given at 12-15 months as the final dose	4
	2 doses	Give 1 dose. The 4th dose will be given at 12-15 months as the final dose	4
7 through 11 months	0 doses	Give 2 doses 2 months apart, 3rd dose at 12-15 months as the final dose	3
	1 or 2 doses before age 7 months	Give 1 dose at 7-11 months, with another dose at 12-15 months (> 2 months later) as the final dose	3 or 4
12 through 23 months	0 doses	Give 2 doses > 2 months apart as the final dose	2
	1 dose before age 12 months	Give 2 doses > 2 months apart as the final dose	3
	2 doses before age 12 months	Give 1 dose > 2 months after the most recent dose as the final dose	3
	1 dose on or after age 12 months	Give 1 dose > 2 months after the most recent dose as the final dose	2
24 through 59 months	No previous doses	Give one dose as the single and final dose.	1
	If 1, 2 or 3 doses before 12 months	Give 1 dose > 2 months after the most recent dose as the final dose	2,3, or 4
	If 1 dose between 12-23 months	Give 1 dose > 2 months after the most recent dose as the final dose	2
	If 2 doses between 12-23 months (separated by at least 2 months)	No additional doses. Child is complete.	2
	If 1, 2, or 3 doses before 12 months and 1 dose between 12-23 months (separated by at least 2 months)	No additional doses. Child is complete.	2,3, or 4
	If 1 dose after 24 months	No additional doses. Child is complete.	1

- Infants and children who began the pneumococcal series with PCV7 may complete the series by switching to PCV13 at any point in the immunization schedule.
- Children who have completed a series with PCV7 (4 doses of PCV7 or other age-appropriate complete PCV7 schedule) should receive a single dose of PCV13, 2 months following the prior dose. This dose should not be given after 59 months of age.
- Vaccine recommendations for children with underlying medical conditions or increased risk for invasive pneumococcal disease is available in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Licensure of a 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13) and Recommendations for Use Among Children, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), 2010 available at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5909a2.htm?s_cid=mm5909a2_e.