

- Keep all medicines, vitamins, cleaning fluids, and gardening chemicals locked away or disposed of safely.
- Install safety latches on cabinets.
- Keep the poison center number on all phones.

Immunizations

At the 6-month visit, your baby should have a:

- DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) shot
- hepatitis B shot
- polio shot
- pneumococcal (PCV7) shot
- rotavirus oral vaccine.

Some children also receive a:

- Hib (Haemophilus influenza type B) shot.

Some vaccines come mixed together in the same shot, so your baby will probably not have to have 5 separate shots.

Your baby may run a fever and be irritable for about 1 day after the shots. Your baby may also have some soreness, redness, and swelling in the area where the shots were given. Acetaminophen drops (3/4 dropperful, or 0.6 ml, every 4 to 6 hours) may help to prevent fever and irritability. For swelling or soreness, put a wet, warm washcloth on the area of the shots as often and as long as needed to provide comfort.

Call your child's health care provider if:

- Your child has a rash or any reaction to the shots other than fever and mild irritability.
- Your child has a fever that lasts more than 36 hours.

Next Visit

Your baby's next routine visit should be at the age of 9 months. Please bring the shot card to each visit.

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