

Division of vaccination in the Czech Republic

In the Czech Republic, vaccination **is prescribed by regulations of the Ministry of Health (MZČR)** and managed (organized, planned, controlled) by **epidemiologists of the relevant health institute**. It is performed by **General practitioners**, especially pediatricians.

Vaccination is divided into

1. **regular,**

in persons who have reached the specified age (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, rubella, mumps, measles, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, *Haemophilus influenzae B* – Hib)

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2. **special,**

in people who are at **higher risk of getting an infection** (TBC, hepatitis B, rabies, tick-borne encephalitis; for example, vaccination of medical students against hepatitis B);

3. **extraordinary,**

certain groups of people who find themselves in a situation where there is **an increased risk of a certain infection** – for example vaccination against VHA during floods in the affected area, booster dose against mumps, rubella and measles in 10-11 year old children (decrease in antibodies), the risk is assessed by the Ministry of Health or regional epidemiologist;

4. **before departure abroad** and for people **arriving from abroad,**

according to **international regulations** or on the basis of **country requirements**; currently applicable to **yellow fever** – vaccination before arrival from endemic countries or after arrival from endemic areas to countries where yellow fever does not occur but a **potential vector**, *Aedes aegypti*, does; (**recommended** are Japanese encephalitis, plague, typhoid fever, cholera in people with occupational exposure in infected areas);

5. **in case of injuries and non-healing wounds,**

tetanus, rabies (depending on the circumstances, with possible passive immunization from a vital indication);

6. **in an infection outbreak,**

susceptible individuals in the outbreak of infection (measles, meningococcus, meningitis);

7. **at the request of persons,**

tick-borne encephalitis, influenza, meningococcus, hepatitis A, papillomavirus, pneumococcal infections, gastroenteritis with diarrhea caused by rotaviruses.

Vaccination calendar, valid from 1.11.2010

Age	Mandatory vaccinations (from 1.11.2010) ^[1]	Optional vaccinations ^[2]
4 days - 6 weeks		tuberculosis (only in indicated cases)
6 weeks		rotavirus (1st dose)
2 months	hexavaccine (1st dose from week 9)	pneumococcus (1st dose) rotavirus (2nd dose - 1 month apart)
3 months	hexavaccine (2nd dose - 1 month apart)	pneumococcus (2nd dose - 1 month apart) rotavirus (3rd dose - 1 month apart)
4 months	hexavaccine (3rd dose - 1 month apart)	pneumococcus (3rd dose - 1 month apart)
10 months	hexavaccine (4th dose - 6 months apart)	
11-15 months		pneumococcus (revaccination)
15 months	MMR (1st dose)	chickenpox (1st dose)
21-25 months	MMR (2nd dose - 6-10 months apart)	chickenpox (2nd dose)
5 years	1st revaccination: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis	
10 years	2nd revaccination: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio	
13 years		girls (and boys): papillomavirus (3 doses)
20-25 years	tetanus (7th dose)	

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External links

- Vakciny.net (<https://www.vakciny.net/>)

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