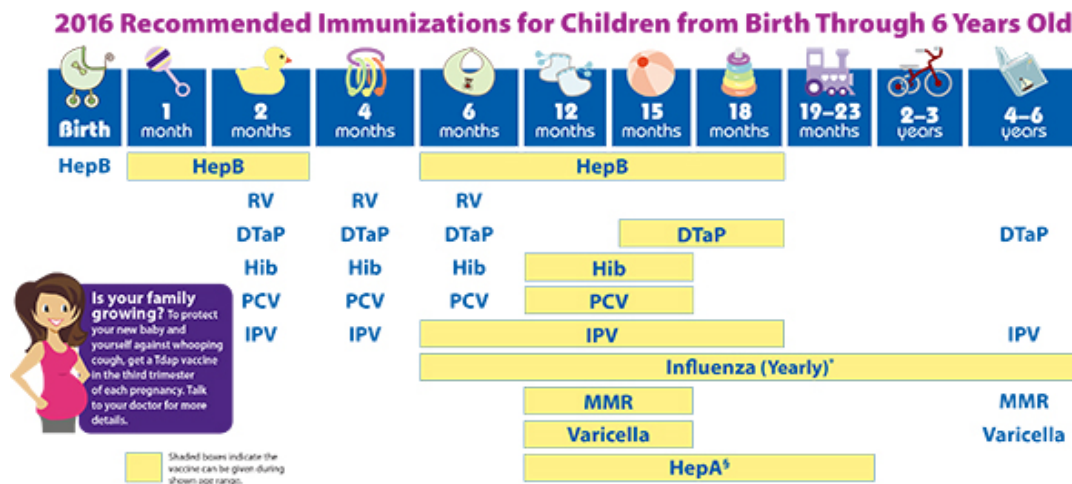




**AUGUST IS
“NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION
AWARENESS MONTH”**

Vaccines give parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from 14 serious diseases before they turn 2 years old.

- Vaccinating your children according to the recommended schedule is one of the best ways you can protect them from 14 harmful and potentially deadly disease like measles and whooping cough (pertussis) before their second birthday.
- Children who don't receive recommended vaccines are at risk of 1) getting the disease or illness and 2) having a severe case of the disease or illness.
- Vaccines don't just protect your child. Immunization is a shared responsibility. Families, health care professionals and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community-especially babies who are too young to be vaccinated themselves.
- Most parents choose the safe, proven protection of vaccines and are vaccinating their children according to the recommended immunization schedule.



- Many vaccine preventable diseases are only a plane ride away. For example, measles is still common in many parts of the world. The disease is brought into the United States by unvaccinated travelers who are infected while in other countries.

For more information visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

