

**Parents' attitudes  
towards routine children's immunization  
in the Republic of Belarus in COVID-19 pandemic**

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The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 will:

prevent **419 million** illnesses  
*(26.8 million hospitalizations)*



more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.

help avoid **936,000** deaths



greater than the population of Seattle, WA

save nearly **\$1.9 trillion** in total societal costs  
*(that includes \$406 billion in direct costs)*



more than \$5,000 for each American

Updated 2018 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1994-2013"



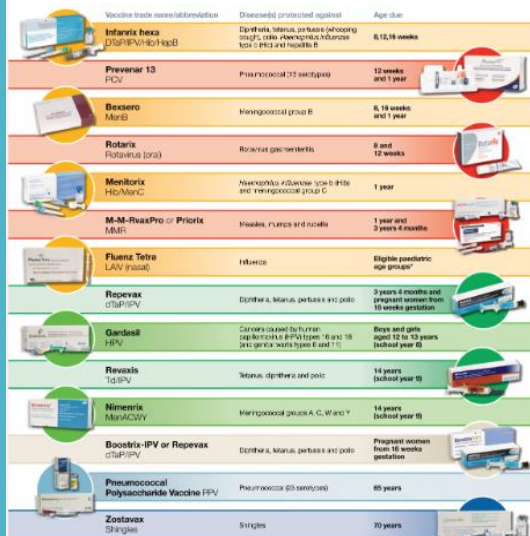
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram](http://www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram)

Национальный календарь  
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Перечень инфекций, против которых проводятся профилактические прививки	Группы физических лиц и сроки проведения профилактических прививок
Вирусный гепатит В	Новорожденные в первые 12 часов жизни, дети в возрасте 2, 3, 4 месяцев
Туберкулез	Новорожденные на 3 - 5-й день жизни
Пневмококковая инфекция	Дети в возрасте 2, 4 и 12 месяцев
Дифтерия, столбняк, коклюш, гемофильная инфекция	Дети в возрасте 2, 3, 4 месяцев
Дифтерия, столбняк, коклюш	Дети в возрасте 18 месяцев
Полномолочит	Дети в возрасте 2, 3, 4 месяцев и 7 лет
Корь, эпидемический паротит, краснуха	Дети в возрасте 12 месяцев и 6 лет
Дифтерия и столбняк	Дети в возрасте 6 лет, 16 лет, взрослые в возрасте 26 лет и каждые последующие 10 лет жизни до достижения возраста 66 лет
Дифтерия	Дети в возрасте 11 лет
Грипп	Дети в возрасте с 6 месяцев и взрослые

A visual guide to vaccines  
used in the routine immunisation schedule



\*Images of inactivated influenza vaccines not shown on this poster as several different products are available. Full details of the routine immunisation schedule are available at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation)

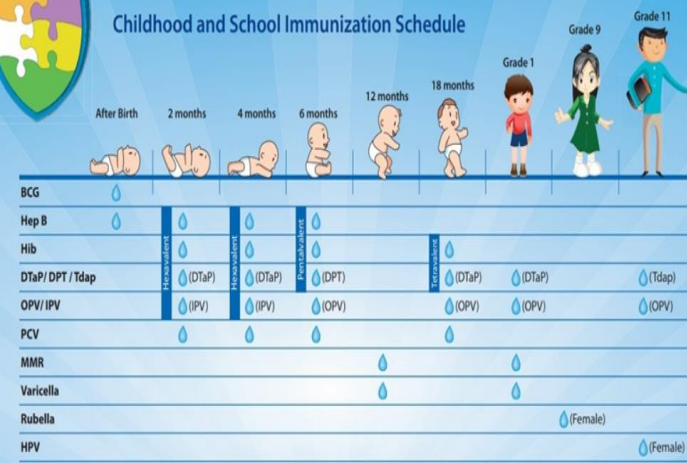
Childhood Immunisation Schedule

Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital) <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal <input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal B—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age)	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal <input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal B—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
4 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal <input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal B—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Qld, NT, WA and SA
12 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal ACWY <input type="checkbox"/> Measles, mumps, rubella <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal <input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal B—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
18 months	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) <input type="checkbox"/> Measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Qld, NT, WA and SA
4 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Qld, NT, WA and SA <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Qld, NT, WA and SA

Influenza vaccine is funded for:  
 - Children 6 months and over with specified medical risk conditions.  
 - All children aged 6 months to less than five years of age.  
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months and over.  
 Additional meningococcal and pneumococcal vaccines are also NIP funded for people with specified medical risk conditions.

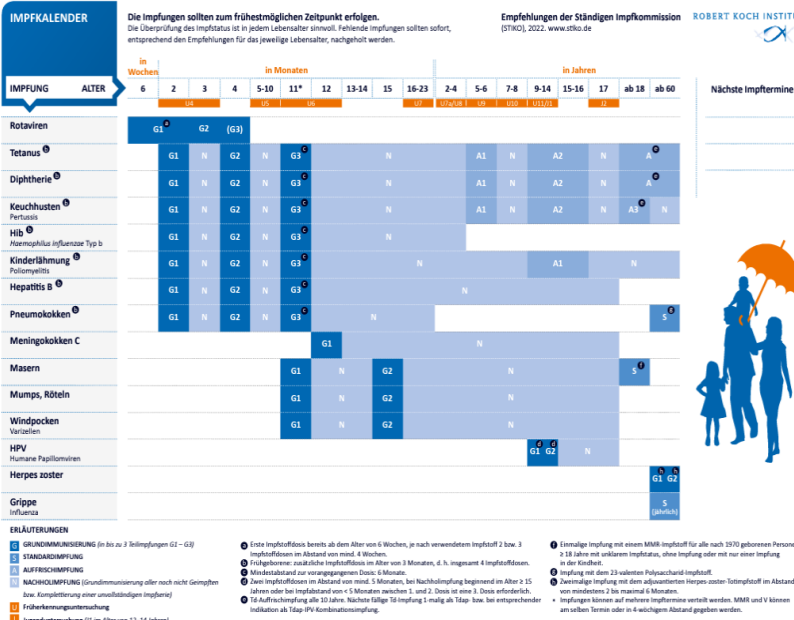


Protect Your Health with Vaccination  
Childhood and School Immunization Schedule



Legend:  
 BCG: Bacillus, Calmette-Guerin (against tuberculosis)  
 DTP: Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus  
 DTPaP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular Pertussis  
 Hep B: Hepatitis B  
 Hexavalent: DTPaP, Hib, Hep B and IPV  
 Hib: Haemophilus Influenzae Type B  
 HPV: Human Papillomavirus  
 IPV: Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine  
 MMR: Measles, Mumps and Rubella  
 OPV: Oral Poliovirus Vaccine  
 PCV: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine  
 Pentavalent: DTP, Hib and Hep B  
 Tdap: Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria and reduced Pertussis  
 Tetravalent: DTPaP and Hib

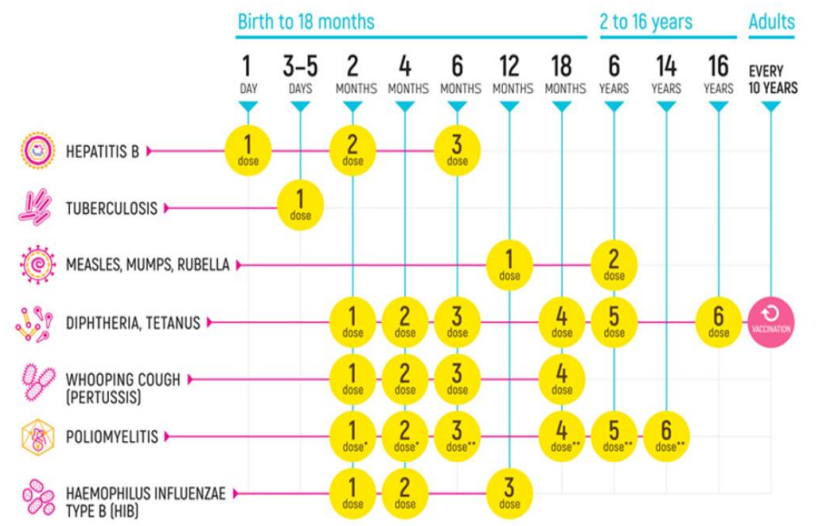
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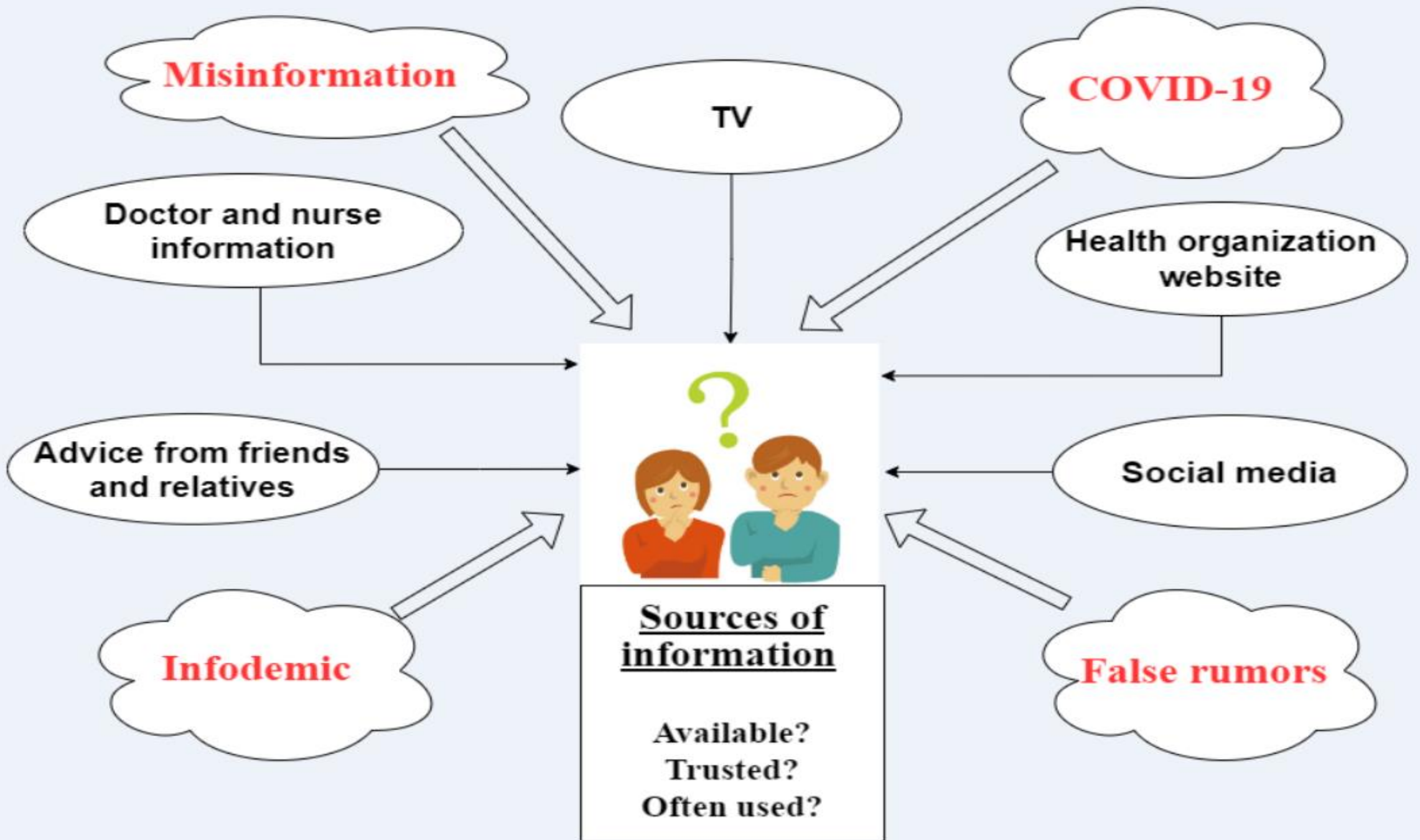
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NATIONAL VACCINATION SCHEDULE

This schedule is in effect (approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine in 2018)



\*Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) | \*\*Oral polio vaccine (OPV)



# The aim of this study

- To analyze parents' attitudes towards routine vaccination in Republic of Belarus
- To identify their sources of information about vaccination
- To identify if the COVID-19 pandemic change parents' attitudes towards routine vaccination
  
- Data were collected from July to October 2022 using a survey (Google form) by social networks (Instagram, Telegram, Viber, WhatsApp).
- In total, 459 questionnaires were received.
- 427 questionnaires were analyzed after applying the inclusion criterion by Jamovi 2.2.5.

# Parents' attitudes towards routine children's vaccinations

Statement	Agree	Difficult to answer	Disagree
Children should be vaccinated	85.2%	4%	11%
Vaccines are effective	83.4%	6.1%	10.5%
My attitude towards routine children's vaccinations change by COVID-19 pandemic	11%	19.2%	69.8 %

\* - no significant differences by age, gender, and having medical education

**Hesitancy**

# Sources of information

Sources	The most available	The most trusted	The most used
Information received at the appointment from a doctor or nurse		+	+
Health organization website	+	+	
Social media	+		+
Advice from relatives and friends			
TV			

Statement	Agree	Difficult to answer	Disagree
I can indicate that information about the vaccination of children in the media or on the Internet site is unreliable (false)	47.5%	35.1%	17.3%
- people with medical education	70.9%	13.9%	15.1%
- people without medical education	41.6%	40.5%	17.9%

\* - differences are significant ( $\chi^2=26.4$ ,  $p<0.001$ )

# Sources of information

Statement	Agree	Difficult to answer	Disagree
The pediatrician recommended sites where you can find information about children's vaccinations	7%	9%	84%
I receive all the necessary information about the vaccination of children at the pediatrician's appointment	23%	14%	63%



## Conclusion

- Parents who took part in the survey have a positive attitude towards routine vaccination of children in the Republic of Belarus and believe that vaccines are effective.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has not caused significant changes in parents' attitude towards routine children vaccination.
- Parents sources of information about vaccination requires attention and action.

## Recommendations

- It will be useful to create mobil application with rialible information about children vaccination that doctors can recommended to use for parents.

Thank you for your attention!

*Stay healthy!*