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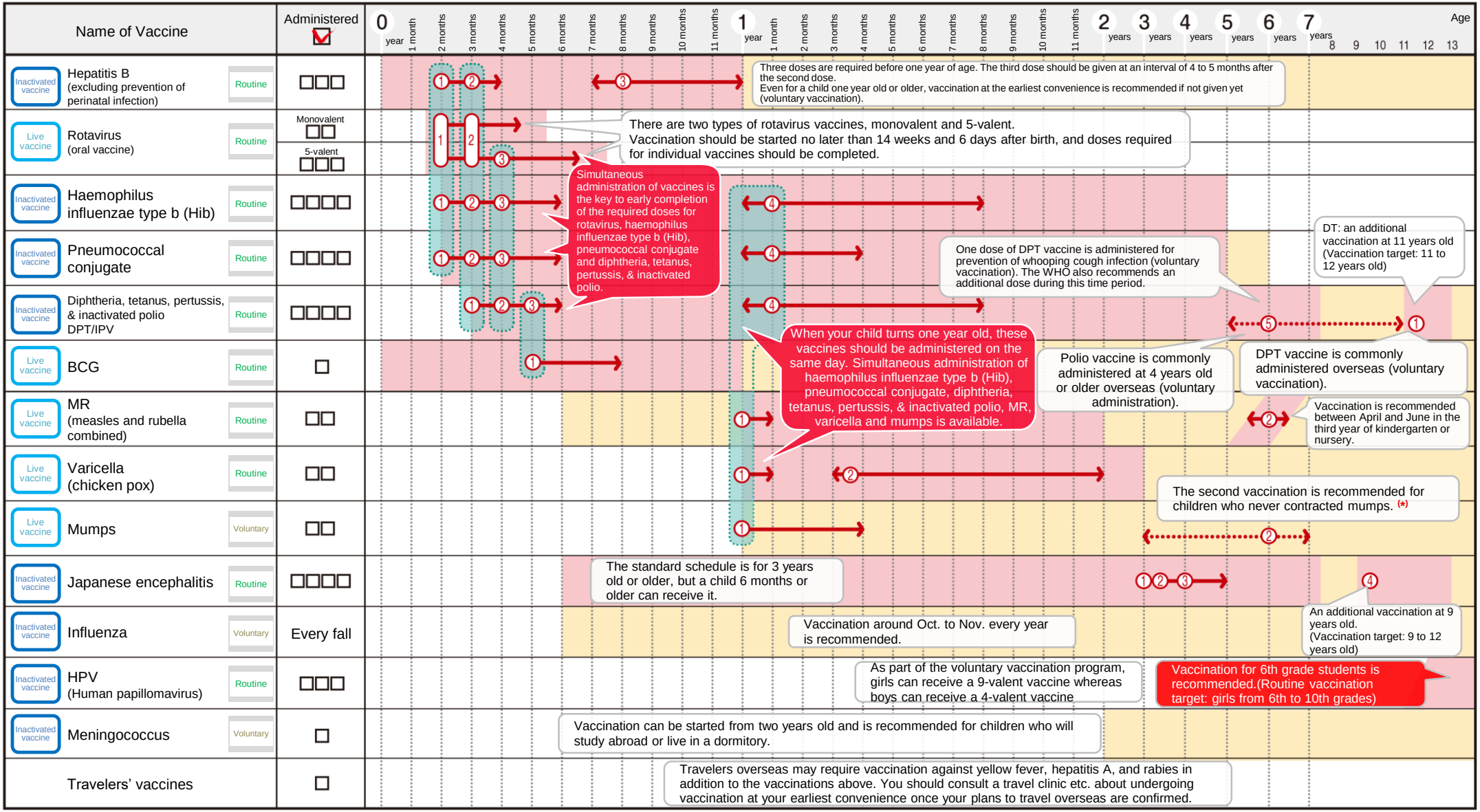
Immunization Schedule

To protect your precious children from vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), it is important to remember to have them vaccinated as soon as they become old enough to receive each vaccine. This schedule is a suggestion for the earliest acquisition of immunity, made by the KNOW★VPD! Protect Our Children (NPO). You should talk to your child's primary care physician to make an immunization schedule according to the immunization program of your residential area and the outbreak status of VPDs.



Inactivated vaccine — Inactivated vaccine

Live vaccine — Live vaccine

Routine — Generally free of charge (at public expense) if vaccine is administered during the prescribed period.

Voluntary — Mostly for a fee (paid by the individual). Some municipalities provide a subsidy. Voluntary vaccines are as necessary as routine vaccines.

Target age for routine vaccination

Age when voluntary vaccines may be administered

Recommended time period for vaccination (the numbers indicate doses of a series)

Recommended time period for vaccination not written in the package insert

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● At least a 4-week interval is required between injections of different live vaccines. (Vaccination is available again on the same day of the week after 4 weeks have passed.)

Simultaneous administration: Multiple vaccines may be administered on the same day. This is as safe as having separate administrations of the vaccines. The Japanese government as well as the Japan Pediatric Society recommends the thigh (the outer forward part of the thigh) as an inoculation site for infants and toddlers. Consult your child's primary care physician for more detailed information.

For more information, go to http://www.know-vpd.jp/ VPD Search

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