



WHAT IS ROTAVIRUS?

Rotavirus is an infection that spreads easily from person to person. Infants and young children who get the virus will experience mild or severe symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pains and in some cases dehydration.

WHO IS AT RISK?

- Children under 5 years of age
- Children born premature
- Children with weak immune systems
- Adults who care for young children that have rotavirus

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

The virus spreads easily before and after a child becomes sick. Family members and other people the child has close contact with may also get sick. Toys and hard surfaces can contain the virus. It spreads when people touch these objects.



IMMUNIZE YOUR CHILD

Rotavirus immunization is recommended for all healthy infants, including healthy premature babies, starting at 6 weeks of age.

**Talk to your doctor,
nurse, or local
public health office
about rotavirus
immunization.**

To learn more, visit immunize.ca

**PROTECT
YOUR CHILD
Against Rotavirus**



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