

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 who have rotavirus

How does rotavirus spread?

Rotavirus is transmitted through the fecal-oral route. It may also be transmitted through the respiratory route or on surfaces and personal items such as toys or utensils.

Immunization is recommended

for all healthy infants, including healthy premature babies, starting at 6 weeks and before 15 weeks of age. The vaccination series should be completed before the baby is 8 months old.



Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or local public health office about immunizing your baby against rotavirus.