

Latex in Vaccine Packaging

If a person reports a severe (anaphylactic) allergy to latex, vaccines supplied in vials or syringes that contain natural rubber should not be administered, unless the benefit of vaccination outweighs the risk of an allergic reaction to the vaccine. For latex allergies other than anaphylactic allergies (e.g., a history of contact allergy to latex gloves), vaccines supplied in vials or syringes that contain dry natural rubber or rubber latex can be administered.

The following table is accurate, to the best of our knowledge, as of July 2008. If in doubt, check the package insert for the vaccine in question.

Vaccine		Latex?
Anthrax (BioThrax)		YES – Vial.
Comvax		YES – Vial
DTaP	Daptacel	YES – Vial
	Infanrix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
	Tripedia	YES – Vial
DT (Generic)		YES – Vial
Hib	HibTITER	YES – Vial
	PedvaxHIB	Yes – Vial
	ActHIB	YES – Diluent vial NO – Lyophilized vaccine vial
Hepatitis A	Havrix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
	Vaqta	YES – Vial YES – Syringe
Hepatitis B	Engerix-B	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
	Recombivax HB	YES – Vial
HPV (Gardasil)		NO
Influenza	Fluarix	YES – Syringe
	Fluvirin	NO
	Fluzone	NO
	FluLaval	NO
	Afluria	NO
	FluMist	NO
Japanese Encephalitis (JE-Vax)		NO
Kinrix		YES – Syringe NO – Vial
MMR (M-M-R II)		NO
MMRV (ProQuad)		NO
Measles (Attenuvax)		NO
Mumps (Mumpsvax)		NO
Rubella (Meruvax II)		NO
Meningococcal	Menomune	YES – Vial
	Menactra	YES – Vial NO – Syringe

Vaccine		Latex?
Pediarix		YES – Syringe NO – Vial
Pentacel		NO
Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	NO
	Prevnar	YES – Vial
Polio (IPOL)		YES – Syringe NO – Vial
Rabies	Imovax Rabies	NO
	RabAvert	NO
Rotavirus	RotaTeq	NO
	Rotarix	YES – Applicator NO – Vial & Transfer Adapter
Td	Decavac	NO – Vial NO – Syringe
	Generic	YES – Vial YES – Syringe
Tdap	Adacel	NO
	Boostrix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
TriHIBit		YES – Vial
Twinrix		YES – Syringe NO – Vial
Typhoid	Typhim Vi	NO
	Vivotif Berna	N/A
Varicella (Varivax)		NO
Vaccinia (Smallpox) (ACAM2000)		NO
Yellow Fever (YF-Vax)		YES – Vial
Zoster (Shingles) (Zostavax)		NO

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