

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 for a potential allergic reaction. In these cases, providers should be prepared to treat patients who are having an allergic reaction. 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 may be administered.” (ACIP *General Recommendations on Immunization*. 2011)

The following table is accurate, to the best of our knowledge, as of May 2011. **If in doubt, check the package insert for the vaccine in question.**

Vaccine	Latex?	
Anthrax (BioThrax)	YES – Vial	
Comvax	YES – Vial	
DTaP	Daptacel	NO
	Infanrix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
	Tripedia	YES – Vial
DT (Generic)	YES – Vial	
Hib	Hiberix	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
	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
	Cerverix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial
Influenza	Fluarix	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
	Fluvirin	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
	Fluzone	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
	Fluzone High-Dose	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
	Fluzone Intradermal	NO
	FluLaval	NO
	Afluria	NO
	Agriflu	YES – Syringe Tip Cap
FluMist	NO	
Japanese Encephalitis (Ixiaro)	NO	
Kinrix	YES – Syringe NO – Vial	
MMR (M-M-R II)	NO	
MMRV (ProQuad)	NO	

Vaccine		Latex?
Measles (Attenuvax)		NO
Mumps (Mumpsvax)		NO
Rubella (Meruvax II)		NO
Meningococcal	Menomune	YES – Vial
	Menactra	YES – Vial NO – Syringe
	Menveo	NO
Pediarix		YES – Syringe NO – Vial
Pentacel		NO
Pneumococcal	Pneumovax 23	NO
	Prevnar 13	NO
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 YES – Syringe
	Generic	YES – Vial YES – Syringe
Tdap	Adacel	YES – Syringe Tip Cap NO – Vial
	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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