

# Immunization Dictionary

**Diphtheria** is caused by bacteria. It can result in heart failure, paralysis and/or pneumonia.

**Hepatitis A** is caused by a virus. It can result in liver failure.

**Hepatitis B** is caused by a virus. It can cause chronic infection liver disease, liver failure, and/or liver cancer.

**Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)** is caused by a bacteria. It can cause meningitis, pneumonia and/or arthritis.

**Influenza** is caused by a virus. It can cause pneumonia and/or Reye's syndrome.

**Measles** is caused by a virus. It can cause pneumonia, swelling of the brain, ear infections, and/or seizures.

**Meningococcal** is caused by bacteria or a virus. It can cause hearing loss, neurological disability and/or loss of a limb.

**Mumps** is a virus. It can cause meningitis, inflammation of testicles or ovaries, inflammation of the brain, and/or deafness.

**Pertussis** is a bacteria. It can cause pneumonia, seizures, brain disorders, and/or ear infections.

**Pneumococcal**, otherwise known as pneumonia, is a bacteria. It can cause ear infections, blood infections and/or meningitis.

**Polio** is caused by a virus. It can cause paralysis.

**Rotavirus** is caused by a virus. It can cause diarrhea and dehydration.

**Rubella** is caused by a virus. It can cause arthritis and/or excessive bleeding.

**Tetanus** is a bacteria. It can cause broken bones and/or breathing difficulty.

**Varicella (Chickenpox)** is caused by a virus. It can cause bacterial infections, meningitis, inflammation of the brain, pneumonia, and/or death.

*\*Each of these viruses could lead to death.*

