

Viral vaccines can contain either an **attenuated live virus** (one that exhibits decreased virulence); **an inactivated virus** that is **no longer capable** of producing disease but still retains the **immunogenicity** of the live virus; or parts of the whole virus (purified or synthetic). Vaccines containing attenuated live virus are **more effective** because they elicit all the innate and adaptive immune responses that the live virus would.

Available vaccines for infectious diseases in humans

Bacterial diseases	Type of Vaccine	Viral diseases	Types of vaccine
Diphtheria	Toxoid	Yellow fever	Attenuated virus
Tetanus	Toxoid	Measles	Attenuated virus
Pertussis	Killed bacteria, subunit vaccine composed of pertussis toxoid and other bacterial antigens	Mumps	Attenuated virus
Paratyphoid fever (Salmonella paratyphi)	Killed bacteria	Rubella	Attenuated virus
Typhus fever (Rickettsia prowazekii)	Killed bacteria	Polio	Attenuated virus (Sabin) or killed virus (Salk)
Cholera (Vibrio cholera)	Killed bacteria or cell extract	Varicella (chickenpox)	Attenuated virus
Plague (Yersinia pestis)	Killed bacteria or cell extract	Influenza	Inactivated virus; <b>attenuated virus</b>
Tuberculosis	Attenuated strain of bovine Mycobacterium tuberculosis (BCG)	Rabies	Inactivated virus
Typhoid fever (Salmonella typhi)	Vi polysaccharide subunit vaccines Live-attenuated oral vaccine	Hepatitis A	Subunit vaccine (recombinant hepatitis antigen)
Meningitis (Neisseria meningitidis)	Purified capsular polysaccharide	Hepatitis B	Subunit vaccine (recombinant hepatitis antigen)
Bacterial pneumonia (Streptococcus pneumoniae)	Purified capsular polysaccharide	Human papillomavirus	Subunit vaccine (virus coat proteins)
Meningitis (Haemophilus influenzae)	H. influenzae polysaccharide conjugated to protein	Rotavirus	Attenuated virus Recombinant live virus