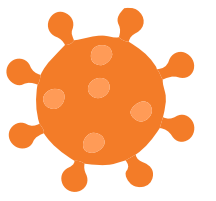
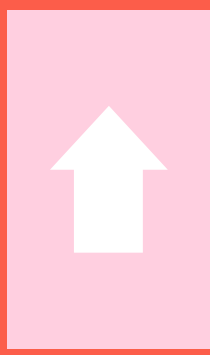


What You Need to Know About Back-to-School Vaccines

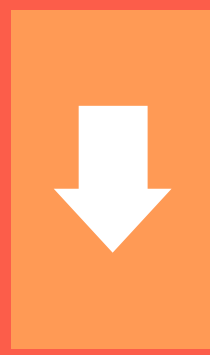
Learn which vaccines your child needs before school starts



2.5 million fewer doses of all routine non-influenza vaccines



2019



2020

Many children missed lifesaving vaccines because of Covid-19

Healthcare providers (HCPs) in the [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#) program ordered about 2.5 million fewer doses of all routine non-influenza [vaccines](#) from mid-March to mid-April 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

Get your kids on track with their vaccines so they can start the school year off right!

This is the immunization schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). School vaccine requirements may vary from state to state. Your child's healthcare provider or school nurse can explain which vaccines are [required in your area](#).



Starting school (ages 4-6)

- Chickenpox (**varicella**) vaccine (**2nd dose**, based on children receiving their **1st dose** in infancy)
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (**DTaP**) vaccine (**5th dose**)
- Flu vaccine (**every year**)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (**MMR**) vaccine (**2nd dose**)
- Polio (**IPV**) vaccine (**4th dose**)

Elementary school (ages 7-10)

- Flu vaccine (**every year**)

Preteen years (ages 11-12)

- Flu vaccine (**every year**)
- Human papillomavirus (**HPV**) vaccine (**2 doses**, 6-12 months apart)
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (**1st dose**)
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (**Tdap**) vaccine (**1st dose**)

Teen years (ages 13-18)

- Flu vaccine (**every year**)
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (**2nd dose at 16-year well visit**)
- Serogroup B meningococcal vaccine (**2 doses; can be done between ages 16 and 18**)

Covid-19 vaccines and other vaccines can be given on the same day

Out of caution, Covid-19 vaccines were initially recommended to be given alone, with a minimum of 14 days before or after any other vaccines.

Now that substantial [data](#) about Covid-19 vaccines has been collected, Covid-19 vaccines can be given along with other vaccines on the same day.

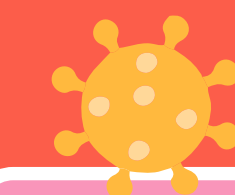
In most cases, vaccines for kids are free

[Federal](#) and state programs provide vaccines free of charge for children who may not otherwise have access to them.



Vaccine schedules are based on a massive body of research

A panel of medical and public health experts, the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#), constantly reviews information about [vaccine safety](#).



Severe reactions to vaccines are incredibly rare

Questions about [how](#) and [where](#) to get your child vaccinated?

Contact your child's HCP or school nurse or your local health department.

