



WESTCHESTER COUNTY CARES

Childhood Vaccines

Protect Your Kids and Those You Love

The Department of Health Cares...

Your Child's Health

Children need vaccines to stay healthy. Vaccinations are one of the best ways to protect your child from disease. By vaccinating your child, you are helping them build immunity and are also protecting others in your family and community, like newborns who are too young to be fully vaccinated, the elderly, and individuals with weakened immune systems.

What Vaccines Does My Child Need?

Talk to your child's healthcare provider to find out which vaccines your child needs. In addition, the childhood immunization schedule shows which vaccines are recommended and at what age.

To view the full list of recommended vaccines for children, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/by-age/index.html>
or scan the QR code



Some Children Need Specific Vaccines

Your child may benefit from additional vaccines beyond the regularly recommended ones if they fit into any of these groups:

- Children with medical conditions
- Children in group settings
- Children traveling internationally
- Children with weakened immune systems

Your provider will make vaccine recommendations to ensure your child is protected.

Vaccine Safety

Vaccines are very safe. All vaccines go through rigorous safety testing, including clinical trials, before they are approved for public use.

Millions of children safely receive vaccines each year. Side effects are usually mild, such as soreness at the injection site or low-grade fever. Serious reactions are rare. The benefits of vaccination outweigh possible side effects. Extensive studies and research have also shown that there is no evidence of a link between vaccines and autism.

Keeping Track of Your Child's Vaccines

Keep a copy of your child's vaccination record. Ask your child's provider to print out your child's updated vaccination record after every vaccine they receive. This record is important for school, child care, and camp. Your provider will enter your child's vaccine history into NYSIIS, the statewide vaccination registry, which makes sure they are on track with their schedule. It also ensures that their record is accurate and complete, because it includes vaccines given by all providers your child sees throughout their lifetime.

Where to Get Vaccinated

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of recommended childhood vaccines. For children younger than 19 years of age who are uninsured, underinsured or Medicaid-enrolled, the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) provides free vaccines. The Westchester County Department of Health offers childhood vaccinations through the VFC Program at our Yonkers and White Plains clinic sites. Call (914) 995-5800 for more information and to make an appointment. Scan the QR code below to view our latest clinic schedule.



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