

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

GET HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S VACCINES!

<p>What is the Vaccines for Children Program?</p>	<p>The Vaccines for Children program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provides free vaccines to children who qualify.</p> <p>The Vaccines for Children program is designed to help protect all children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Unfortunately, many children are not vaccinated because their parents either do not have health insurance or their health insurance does not cover vaccines.</p>
<p>How does my child qualify?</p>	<p>Children are eligible to receive free vaccines before their 19th birthday who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are Medicaid-eligible; • do not have health insurance; • are an American Indian or Alaskan Native; or • are underinsured.
<p>How do I know if I am underinsured?</p>	<p>Underinsured is when a child has health insurance, but the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not provide vaccine coverage; • does not cover certain vaccines; or • does cover vaccines, but has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines. <p>Underinsured does not include those with an unmet deductible or who are unable to pay the deductible.</p>
<p>How much will I have to pay?</p>	<p>All vaccines are free through the Vaccines for Children program. However, parents may be charged a small fee by the doctor's office for an office visit and each immunization.</p> <p>Talk to your doctor if you are unable to pay the fee.</p>
<p>Where can I get my child vaccinated?</p>	<p>The best place to take your child depends on where you live and your child's eligibility for the Vaccines for Children program.</p> <p>If your child's doctor isn't a Vaccines for Children provider, take your child to the Local Health Department, a Federally Qualified Health Center or a Rural Health Clinic.</p> <p>If your child is underinsured, you may receive Vaccines for Children vaccines at a deputized Local Public Health Department or a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic. Contact your Local Public Health Department to find out if they are a deputized provider.</p>

For more information about Missouri's Vaccines for Children program, visit www.health.mo.gov/immunizations or call 800.219.3224.

