

# Immunizations and Review

## CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C&TC) FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

A review of the immunization history is required at every C&TC visit. Administer age-appropriate vaccines that are due; if these are not given, document why and include a plan for catch-up vaccines. Providers should provide accurate vaccine information, address parent concerns, and refer to reliable resources.

### C&TC standards

#### General

A review of the immunization history is required at every C&TC visit to determine if the child is due or overdue for any vaccines according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Recommended Child and Adolescent [Immunization Schedules \(PDF\)](#) or the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Adults 19 Years and Older [Immunization Schedule](#).

Children and youth receiving care through C&TC must be given vaccines through the [Minnesota Vaccines for Children Program](#).

#### Personnel

A licensed health care provider must review the immunization record and follow up appropriately: physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered or public health nurse (RN, PHN) who has completed the C&TC Comprehensive Screening training through the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

### Documentation

Document assessment of the child's immunization history and administration of immunizations. If immunizations were due but not given, document why and a plan for catch-up vaccines. Federal law requires providing the most current [Vaccine Information Statement](#) (VIS) prior to immunization. Document that a VIS was given, date given, and publication date.

Accept only written, dated documentation (including pictures of this documentation or electronic record) as evidence of previous vaccination (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2024a). The [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection](#) stores records to assess a patient's immunization history.

Refer to the documentation forms on the [C&TC Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment resources](#) webpage for documentation examples or to use as a template with your electronic medical record.

## Procedure

Refer to specific vaccine administration guidelines and [Immunization Best Practices](#).

Give VIS and information to help parents anticipate and manage potential mild side effects. The CDC does not recommend antipyretics before or at the time of vaccination (CDC, 2024b). Medications may be given for fever or pain after vaccination if needed.

Report significant adverse events to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) even if there is no known causal relationship to vaccination.

## Addressing vaccine concerns

Most parents vaccinate their children, but some will have vaccine questions and/or concerns. Refer to [Communicating About Vaccinations: Evidence-Based Recommendations to Shift the Narrative](#).

Medical Assistance can be billed for stand-alone vaccination counseling visits. Refer to [C&TC: Vaccine Counseling](#).

## Professional recommendations

MDH endorses guidance and immunization schedules from the professional organizations of the AAP, AAFP, and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

## American Academy of Pediatrics

The AAP recommends on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents. Every visit is an opportunity to update and complete a child's immunizations (AAP, 2025).

## Resources

### Minnesota Department of Human Services

- [C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards](#)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Manual - C&TC Section](#)

### Minnesota Department of Health

- [Child and Teen Checkups \(C&TC\)](#)
- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers](#)

### Other resources

- [Red Book Online](#)

### Resources for parents

- [Immunizations](#)
- [Immunization: Me and My Family](#)
- [Let's get real about childhood vaccines](#)
- [Reliable Sources of Vaccine Information](#)

## For more information

The Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) program is administered through a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health.

For questions about this fact sheet or to obtain this information in a different format, call 651-201-3650 or email [health.childteencheckups@state.mn.us](mailto:health.childteencheckups@state.mn.us).

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## Resource links

- [Immunization Schedules \(PDF\)](https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf)  
(<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>)
- [Immunization Schedule](https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html)  
(<https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html>)
- [Minnesota Vaccines for Children Program](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html)  
([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html))
- [Vaccine Information Statement](http://www.immunize.org/vis)  
([www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis))
- [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html)  
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- [C&TC Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment resources](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources/)  
(<https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources/>)
- [Immunization Best Practices](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html)  
([www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html))
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html)  
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- [Communicating About Vaccinations: Evidence-Based Recommendations to Shift the Narrative](https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/communicating-about-vaccinations-evidence-based-recommendations-to-shift-the-narrative/)  
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- [C&TC: Vaccine Counseling](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=HS16_150092#vc)  
([https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=HS16\\_150092#vc](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=HS16_150092#vc))
- [C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/hs16_150092#vc)  
([https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/hs16\\_150092#vc](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/hs16_150092#vc))
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Manual - C&TC Section](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs_16_150092)  
([http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs\\_16\\_150092](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs_16_150092))
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- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html)  
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