

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 (including COVID-19) according to the recommended Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [Immunization Schedules](#).

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.

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, 2024). The [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection](#) stores records to assess a patient's immunization history.

Refer to the [C&TC Provider Documentation Forms](#) 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend antipyretics before or at the time of vaccination (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2024). 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 [Vaccines for Your Children](#).

Medical Assistance can now be billed for stand-alone vaccination counseling visits. Providers billing for counseling services must be able to administer the vaccine for which they are counseling. Billable stand-alone vaccine counseling visits do not replace immunization review and administration as required during a complete C&TC visit. These visits are only billable when done outside of routine well visits. Refer to [C&TC: Vaccine Counseling](#).

Professional recommendations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Routine vaccination is recommended to prevent 17 vaccine-preventable diseases (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2024).

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](#)
- [Vaccines & Immunizations](#)
- [Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule by Age](#)

Resources for parents

- [Vaccines for Your Children](#)
- [Your child needs vaccines as they grow!](#)
- [Older children and teens need vaccines too!](#)
- [Immunization: Me and My Family](#)
- [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#)

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.

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Resource links

- [Immunization Schedules \(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/index.html)
- [Minnesota Vaccines for Children Program \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html)
- [Vaccine Information Statement \(VIS\) \(www.immunize.org/vis\)](http://www.immunize.org/vis)
- [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html)
- [C&TC Provider Documentation Forms \(https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources\)](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources)
- [Immunization Best Practices \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html\)](https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html)
- [Vaccines for Your Children \(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/)
- [C&TC: Vaccine Counseling \(https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS16_150092#vc\)](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS16_150092#vc)
- [C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards \(https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3379-ENG\)](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3379-ENG)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Manual - C&TC Section \(http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_150092\)](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_150092)
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- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html)
- [Red Book Online \(https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/redbook.aspx\)](https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/redbook.aspx)
- [Vaccines & Immunizations \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html)
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- [Immunization Basics \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/index.html)
- [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html)

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