

Low-cost vaccine clinic finder now live

We recently launched a new tool to help patients find nearby clinics that offer free or low-cost vaccines through the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program and the Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccine (UUAV) program. Users simply enter their city or address and a map will then display the clinics closest to them, along with the clinic address and a link to Google Maps.

Clinics included on the map are local public health sites, public clinics, and other safety net providers. Text on the map encourages calling the clinic to inquire about cost and schedule an appointment. There are also links to additional information about the programs including eligibility criteria. Look for the “How and where to get free or low-cost vaccines” section on the MnVFC and UUAV pages below for a link to the clinic finder.

- MnVFC: Free or Low-Cost Shots for Children (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/howpay.html).
- UUAV: Vaccination Clinics Serving Uninsured and Underinsured Adults (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/uuavsearch.html).

New interactive Minnesota adolescent immunization data

The Immunization (<https://data.web.health.state.mn.us/web/mndata/immunization>) section of the Minnesota Public Health Data Access Portal now has state, county, and metro ZIP code level adolescent immunization data available. The data are displayed with interactive maps and charts. The adolescent series measure includes Tdap, MenACWY, and HPV series completion vaccination rates by age 13 years. This aligns with other quality metrics that health plans and health systems report, such as the HEDIS Combo 2 measure and Minnesota Community Measurement. Data for people who received the MenACWY booster dose and started the meningococcal B series by age 19 years is also available. The data will be updated annually and is a great way to stay up to date on Minnesota adolescent immunization trends.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is next week!

Did you miss our NIIW special edition of *Got Your Shots? News* (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/gys/index.html)? It's not too late to get caught up! It has tips on easy, practical ways to improve childhood immunization rates in your practice. Make sure you're following MDH on social media to help us share information on immunizations next week.

MDH on social media

Share immunization and other health information with people in your community by connecting with MDH on:

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- Twitter (www.twitter.com/mnhealth)
- Instagram (www.instagram.com/mnhealth/)
- LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/company/mnhealth)
- YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/MNDeptofHealth)

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Current VISs, April 2019 <i>(Changes from last quarter are in bold italics.)</i>	
Chickenpox	2/12/18
Cholera	7/6/17
DTaP/DT/DTP	8/24/18
Hepatitis A	7/20/16
Hepatitis B	10/12/18
Hib	4/2/15
HPV Gardasil-9	12/2/16
Influenza - TIV	8/7/15
Influenza - LAIV	8/7/15
Japanese encephalitis	1/24/14
Meningococcal (ACWY) - interim	8/24/18
Serogroup B Meningococcal (MenB)	8/9/16
MMR	2/12/18
MMRV	2/12/18
Multi-vaccine	11/5/15
PCV13	11/5/15
PPSV23	4/24/15
Polio	7/20/16
Rabies	10/6/09
Rotavirus	2/23/18
Shingles/Zoster (live)	2/12/18
Shingles/Zoster (recombinant)	2/12/18
Td	4/11/17
Tdap	2/24/15
Typhoid	5/29/12
Yellow Fever	3/30/11

Give a VIS before vaccinating: It's the law

Federal law requires anyone who vaccinates to give all patients, or their parents or legal guardians, the appropriate VIS **before** giving vaccines. The VIS provides important information that all patients and/or their parents need to know about the disease, vaccine, and what to do in case of an adverse event. Get more information at Facts About VISs (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/about/facts-vis.html).

Report adverse events to VAERS

Health care providers are required to report any and all events that require medical attention after vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) (<https://vaers.hhs.gov/index>). Report regardless of whether it is related to vaccination.