

Immunizations and Review

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

C&TC Requirements

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 (ACIP) [Immunization Schedules \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/pdf/acip-immunization-schedules-2023-2024.pdf).

Children and youth receiving care through C&TC must be given vaccines through the [Minnesota Vaccines for Children \(MnVFC\) Program \(health.state.mn.us\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/immunization/mnvfc/).

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 that a patient's immunization history was assessed and immunizations were given. 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 \(VIS\) \(immunize.org\)](https://www.immunize.org/vaccine-information-statement) prior to immunization. Document that a VIS was given, date given, and publication date.

Only written, dated documentation (pictures of this documentation, or electronic record) should be accepted as evidence of previous vaccination (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023, p. 27). The [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(MIIC\) \(health.state.mn.us\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/immunization/miic/) stores records to assess a patient's immunization history.

For documentation examples, refer to the [C&TC Provider Documentation Forms \(mn.gov/dhs\)](https://www.mn.gov/dhs/).

Procedure

Refer to specific vaccine administration guidelines at [MDH Immunization Best Practices \(health.state.mn.us\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/immunization/best-practices/)

Give VIS and information to help parents anticipate and manage potential mild side effects. The ACIP does not recommend antipyretics before or at the time of vaccination (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023). Medications may be given for fever or pain after vaccination if needed.

Report significant adverse events to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\) \(vaers.hhs.gov\)](https://vaers.hhs.gov/) 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. For strategies on how to address vaccine questions and concerns, refer to [Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/pdf/provider-resources-for-vaccine-conversations-2023.pdf).

If a vaccine is refused at a C&TC visit, Medical Assistance can now be billed for stand-alone vaccination counseling visits [Child and Teen Checkups: Vaccine Counseling \(state.mn.us\)](#).

Professional Recommendations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC recommends routine vaccination to prevent 17 vaccine-preventable diseases (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023).

Resources for Providers

Minnesota Department of Human Services

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

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Child and Teen Checkups \(C&TC\) \(www.health.state.mn.us\)](#)
- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers \(health.state.mn.us\)](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics

- [Red Book Online \(aap.org\)](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Immunization Information for Healthcare Providers/Professionals \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Resources for Parents

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Vaccines for Your Children \(cdc.gov\)](#)

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Immunization Basics \(health.state.mn.us\)](#)
- [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents \(health.state.mn.us\)](#)

References

Kroger, A., Bahta, L., Long, S., & Sanchez, P. (2023). *General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization*. Retrieved from www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/downloads/general-recs.pdf

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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