Teens Need Vaccines, Too!

Be sure your older children are up-to-date on all of their shots before they turn 19!

Getting caught up on immunizations before graduation is as much a part of finishing up the school year as studying for finals or going to the prom.

If your high school senior is planning to move away during the next year, it’s going to be easier to get to the doctor now, before the big move.

For full protection, some vaccines require several doses. Make sure your child gets up-to-date on immunizations now.

For More Information

If you have questions on the VFC program, call your doctor or your local health department for more information.

Websites

- www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/index.html
- www.michigan.gov/vfc
- www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines
- www.michigan.gov/immunize
What is the Vaccines for Children program?
The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program gives childhood vaccines to eligible children. The government pays for the vaccines. Doctors and clinics enroll in VFC and give vaccines to children who qualify. This program helps kids stay healthy.

Is my child eligible?
Children from birth through 18 years of age can get VFC vaccine if they:

- are on Medicaid
- are eligible for Medicaid
- do not have health insurance
- are American Indian or Alaskan Native
- are under-insured

If your health insurance does not pay anything for vaccines, your child may be able to get VFC vaccine. Check with your doctor or your local health department.

How much will I have to pay?
Your doctor will not charge you for the vaccine, but may ask you to pay a small fee to give the vaccine to your child. Talk with your doctor or nurse if you cannot afford the fee.

Where can I get VFC vaccines for my child?
You may be able to get VFC vaccine at your child’s health care provider and at local health departments. Call and ask your child’s health care provider if they have VFC vaccine. If your provider does not have VFC vaccine, ask them to sign up! Your local health department can provide information about how your child can get VFC vaccine.

Diseases that VFC vaccines can prevent:
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Meningococcal disease
- Pneumococcal disease
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Varicella (chickenpox)