

# Paying for Childhood Vaccinations



**Start Here!**



**Routine Vaccines**  
(including influenza vaccine)

**COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Is your child one of the following?**

- Medicaid Eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured\*

**NO**

**YES**

**Do you have health insurance that covers your child offered to you through your (or your spouse's) employer?**

**NO**

**YES**

Call your health insurance company to learn:

- If recommended vaccines are covered
- How much you may need to pay, if anything
- Where you can get your child's vaccines near you

**NO**

**Does your health insurance cover your child's vaccines?**

**YES**

**Your child is eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program!**

To find a VFC provider or for questions about the VFC program, ask your doctor, contact your state or local health department, or call 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) for help in English and Spanish.

**Get your vaccines at a location recommended by your health insurance company.**

Be sure to call ahead to verify any costs and bring your health insurance card.

Not currently authorized for children younger than 5 years.

**NO**

**Is your child 5 years or older?**

**YES**

Go to [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or call 211 to find COVID-19 vaccine near you.

**Free vaccine!**

You do not need an ID, proof of residency, or health insurance.\*\*

**Get vaccines for free at a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider.**

While there is no charge for the vaccine, there may be other costs associated with the visit. Example:

- A fee to give each shot, but you cannot be denied a vaccine if you are unable to pay.
- A copay for the office visit.
- Charges for non-vaccine services, like an eye exam or blood test.

\*Underinsured means your child has health insurance, but it doesn't cover some or all vaccines or covers vaccines but has a fixed dollar limit for vaccines.

\*\*An administration fee can be charged for COVID-19 vaccines, but you can not be denied a vaccine if you are unable to pay the administration fee.