



# Teen Vaccines Are Important.

## Don't Miss Opportunities to Vaccinate!

Teens are a unique group with unique needs. To ensure they receive the necessary vaccinations to avoid diseases that could affect the rest of their lives, inform your teen patients and their parents about the importance of adolescent vaccinations.

### Benefits of immunizations for teens:

- Continues the healthy start from vaccines received during infant, toddler and childhood years
- Protects against highly communicable diseases encountered in social situations
- Prevents serious illnesses with long-term effects
- Meets school and college requirements
- Creates a healthier society through high immunization rates

Incorporate teen vaccinations into routine patient checkups. Inform patients and parents of scheduled vaccines before their appointment so they are prepared when they arrive at your office.

### All adolescents should receive vaccinations for:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Meningitis (MCV4)
- Seasonal influenza
- Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (one dose in place of one scheduled tetanus-diphtheria booster) with Tetanus-diphtheria (every 10 years thereafter)

### If not already received, adolescents need vaccinations for:

- Hepatitis B
- Measles-mumps-rubella
- Polio
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Hepatitis A

### Certain high-risk adolescents need vaccinations for:

- Pneumococcal disease (PCV)

Florida Vaccines for Children Program, the government-subsidized vaccine program, provides vaccinations for patients 18 years of age or younger at no cost to the patient or provider.

### Florida Vaccines for Children Program benefits providers and patients:

- Eliminates cost as a barrier to vaccinations
- Allows for administration of vaccines by primary care physician rather than a public clinic
- Ensures continuity of care between patient and health care provider
- Does not impact provider regularly scheduled vaccine purchases
- Provides vaccinations of uninsured or underinsured teens

**Get your teen patients up-to-date with all their vaccines, and then safeguard those records in Florida SHOTS, Florida's free online immunization registry.**



Immunization Section: 850-245-4342 / [www.ImmunizeFlorida.org](http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org) | Vaccines for Children Program: 1-800-483-2543

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