

# Immunization Program Services

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### About Immunization Program

Vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases. Vaccine-preventable disease levels are at or near record lows in the United States. The Immunization Program at MPH D provides routine child and adult immunizations. Staff work closely with pediatricians throughout Nashville to ensure that children age birth to 24 months are receiving the recommended series of immunizations.

### About Childhood Immunizations

Eligible children from birth through 18 years of age may receive free, federally-funded vaccine through the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). An administration fee of \$20 is charged for vaccines, but will “slide” depending on income. For those with private insurance the Immunization Program has private stock vaccine available. Payment is collected at time of visit.

Children from birth through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- TennCare
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured

### About Adult Immunization

Free federal vaccine is available for uninsured adults age 19-64 for certain recommended vaccines. An administration fee of \$20 is charged for vaccines, but will “slide” according to income. Clinic staff can assist in creating a “catch-up” schedule if an individual has gotten behind on vaccinations.

### About Immunization Requirements for Public Schools

An official Tennessee Certificate of Immunization is required for entry into school and is only available from a private healthcare provider or from the health department.

### Immunization Program Locations

#### Lentz Public Health Center

2500 Charlotte Ave.

615.340.5607

#### East Nashville Public Health Center

1015 East Trinity Lane

615.862.7916

#### Woodbine Public Health Center

224 Oriol Ave.

615.862.7940



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### Starting Kindergarten: Required Shots

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Hepatitis A vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- IPV (Polio) vaccine
- Varicella (Chickenpox)

### Seventh Grade: Required Shots

- Tdap Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)

### Pre-teen: Recommended Shots

- HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)\*

This vaccine can offer protection against certain kinds of cancer and genital warts.

*\*Recommended for boys and girls ages 11 and up.*

- MCV (Meningococcal)\*

This vaccine can offer protection against a type of bacterial meningitis (an infection around the brain and spinal cord).

*\*Recommended one dose at age 11-12 with a booster dose at age 16-18.*

### About Immunization Exemptions

**Medical:** A healthcare provider must indicate which specific vaccines are medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the provided form. All other vaccines remain required.

**Religious:** Requires a signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. If documentation of a health examination is required, it must be noted by the health care provider on the immunization certificate.

