

A Special Message to Parents

Are your teenager's
vaccinations up-to-date?

Did You Know...?

- ◆ Vaccinations can protect your teen from serious diseases;
- ◆ Your teen may need vaccinations against many of these diseases to get a job or get into college;
- ◆ VFC eligible children may receive vaccinations through 18 years of age;
- ◆ Vaccines are usually more expensive for children over 18 years of age;
- ◆ Once your child is 19 years of age and considered an adult, insurance may not cover vaccinations.

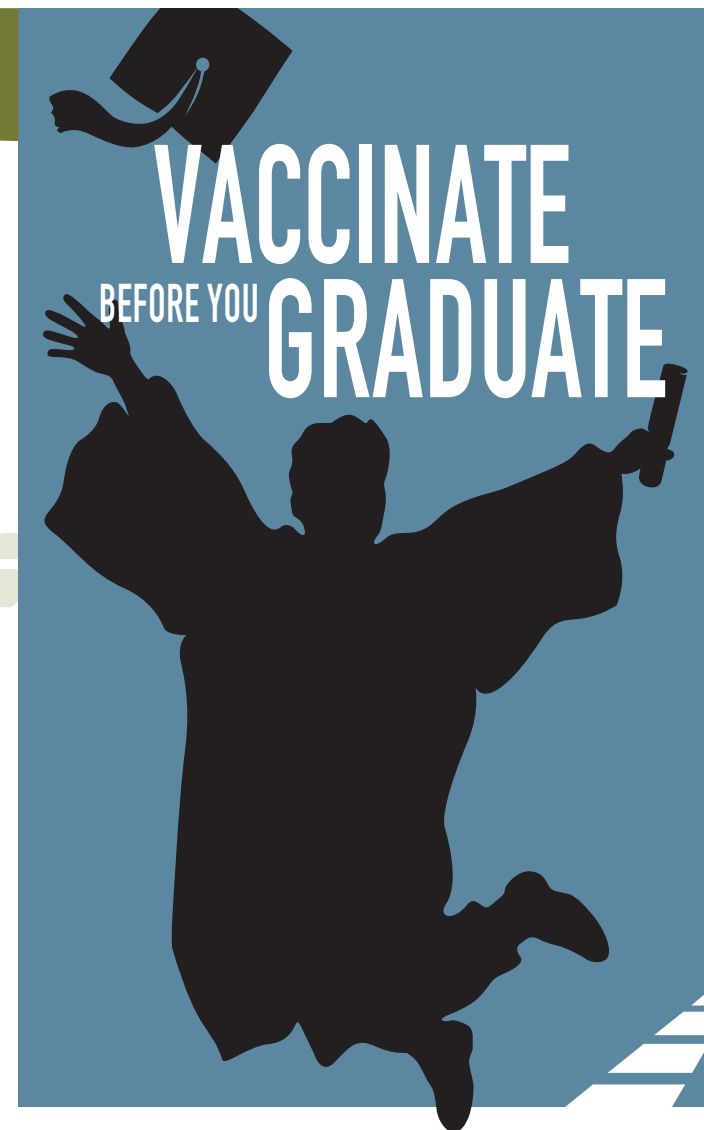
For more information, call your doctor,
local health department, pharmacy,
or the Immunization Hotline:

1-800-275-0659
immunize.utah.gov



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The best way to stay healthy down the road.



What is Vaccinate Before You Graduate?

Vaccinate Before You Graduate is a program that provides vaccination information to students and their parents in Utah middle and high schools. Vaccinating teens while they are still in school can get them caught up on their shots before getting a job, going to college or traveling abroad. These vaccinations can protect teens against many diseases that can cause serious health problems. Some Utah middle and high schools may provide immunizations at school. Check with the school nurse for more information.

What should you do if you want your teen to be fully immunized?

Check your teen's vaccination records or check with your doctor to be sure your teen has all the recommended vaccinations. If your teen needs vaccinations, contact your doctor, school nurse, pharmacy, or local health department to get them.

All children birth through 18 years of age in any of the following groups may qualify for a program called Vaccines for Children (VFC): those who do not have insurance; are enrolled in Medicaid; are American Indian/Alaskan Native; Enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); or whose insurance does not cover vaccinations. VFC eligible children or teens may be asked to pay a small fee to receive their vaccines. The fee may be waived if they are unable to pay. All Utah local health departments, community health centers and some private clinics are VFC providers.

What vaccinations are recommended for teens?

All students are required by the Utah Immunization Rule to get immunized with certain vaccines before starting school or entering school. Your teen may have received some of these vaccines as part of the school requirement, but may need a "booster" (another dose of vaccine) to stay protected. If your teen hasn't already been fully vaccinated or needs recommended boosters, make sure he or she receives them before graduating from school. The following vaccinations are recommended or required:

- ◆ **Hepatitis A (Hep A)**
2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine are required for all students in Utah schools.
- ◆ **Hepatitis B (Hep B)**
3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine are required for all students in Utah schools.
- ◆ **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
2 doses of MMR vaccine are required for all students in Utah schools.

- ◆ **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)**
1 dose of Tdap vaccine is required for 7th grade entry in Utah schools followed by Td or Tdap booster doses every 10 years thereafter.
- ◆ **Varicella (Chickenpox)**
2 doses of chickenpox vaccine or history of disease is required for students entering 7th grade in Utah schools.
- ◆ **Meningococcal**
There are two types of meningococcal vaccines available. Meningococcal conjugate or MenACWY vaccine and Meningococcal B.

Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) Vaccine: 1 dose of MenACWY vaccine is required for students entering 7th grade in Utah schools. A booster dose is recommended at age 16. Teens who received MenACWY vaccine for the first time at age 13 through 15 years will need a one-time booster dose between the ages of 16 and 18 years. Teens who receive their first dose between 16 through 18 years of age only need one dose of MenACWY vaccine.

Meningococcal B Vaccine: Based on individual health care provider decision 2 or 3 (depending on brand) doses of Meningococcal B is recommended for adolescents 16-23 (preferably 16-18) years not at increased risk for bacterial meningitis infection.
- ◆ **Influenza (Flu)**
A yearly flu vaccine is recommended for all teens.
- ◆ **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**
Depending on age at initial vaccination, 2 or 3 doses of HPV vaccine are recommended for all adolescents age 11-12 years (can start at age 9 years) and through age 18 years if not previously adequately vaccinated.
- ◆ **Pneumococcal**
A single dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is recommended for teens with serious diseases such as diabetes, leukemia, heart disease, lung disease, HIV infection, or AIDS.