Well-child visits and immunizations



What to expect from birth to 20 years old

Use the following guide to help schedule all of your child's recommended preventive health care visits. Making sure your child regularly sees his or her clinician helps support your child's health and well-being.

Well-child visit by age				Infancy			Early childhood										
	Birth	By 1 week	By 1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	9 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	2 years	2.5 years	3 years	4 years			
Physical examination	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Weight and length or height	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Body mass index (BMI)											•	•	•	•			
Head circumference	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Blood pressure													•	•			
Hearing	•												•	•			
Vision													•	•			
Health form*		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Blood tests								•			•						
Immunizations																	
COVID-19 [^]						COVID-19											
Influenza (during flu season)†						Annual vaccine, 1 or 2 doses											
Varicella (chickenpox)								•						•			
Measles/mumps/rubella (MMR)								•						•			
Inactivated polio virus (IPV)				•	•	•								•			
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	•			•	•	•								•			
Rotavirus				•	•	•											
Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)				•	•				•					•			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)				•	•	•			•					•			
Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (DTaP)				•	•	•			•					•			
Hepatitis A (Hep A)								•		•							
Oral health																	
Oral health check		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Fluoride varnish						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			

³ years and older: Your child will need to undress (underwear can remain on) and put on a gown for getting weighed and having a physical exam.

[^] Number of doses recommended depends on your child's age and type of COVID-19 vaccine used.

^{*} Health form: Every well-child visit includes a health form. If you receive the form by mail, complete and bring to the visit, or arrive early to complete at your clinic. Bring any sports, camp, school and childcare forms that you need your clinician to complete.

[†] Influenza: Children 6 months through 8 years old who get influenza vaccine for the first time should get two doses — the second dose should be given at least four weeks after the first dose.



Well-child visit by age	Middle childhood							Adolescence								Adulthood			
	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years	20 years			
Physical examination	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Weight and height	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Body mass index (BMI)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Blood pressure	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Hearing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Vision	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Health form**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Lab tests (12 to 20 years)																			
HIV								Recommended time range											
Cholesterol (based on risk factors)			Recommended time range																
Hemoglobin (menstruating females only)							Recommended time range												
Chlamydia screening (females only)												•	•	•	•	•			
Immunizations																			
COVID-19 [^]	COVID-19																		
Influenza (during flu season)†	Annua	al vaccin	e, 1 or 2	doses		Annual vaccine, 1 dose only													
Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap)*							•												
Human papillomavirus (HPV)‡					Optio	Optional*** If not already given, 2-3 doses de							ndent or	patient	age				
Meningococcal conjugate (MCV)							•					•							
Oral health																			
Oral health check	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
Fluoride varnish	•																		

Exam and tests: Your child will undress (underwear can remain on) and put on a gown to get weighed and have a physical exam. Depending on age and gender, certain lab tests will be done. Talk to your clinician about using an alternative immunization schedule, if needed.

12 years and older: Time is provided during appointment for teens to discuss questions or concerns privately with their clinician.

† Influenza: Children 6 months through 8 years old who get influenza vaccine for the first time should get two doses — the second dose should be given at least four weeks after the first dose.

‡ HPV: This vaccine requires two doses. The second dose should be given at least six months after the first dose. If vaccine is started at 15 years old or older, three doses are needed. The second dose should be given one to two months after the first dose.

[^] Number of doses recommended depends on your child's age and type of COVID-19 vaccine used.

^{**} Health form: Your child will be asked to complete some questions on their own. Bring any sports, camp and school forms that you need your clinician to complete.

^{***} The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends giving HPV as early as 9. Please discuss with your clinician.

^{*} Tdap: If a teen is pregnant, Tdap should also be given during pregnancy, preferably between 27 and 36 weeks of gestation.