

# Vaccine Providers



## VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them. This helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. Vaccines available through the VFC Program are those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from 16 diseases.

### Determining Eligibility

A child is eligible for the VFC Program if he or she is younger than 19 years of age and is one of the following:

- Medicaid/Quest-eligible
- Uninsured
- Underinsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native

Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for VFC vaccines. The VFC program does not cover administrative and office visit fees.

### IF YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE:

#### Visit your Primary Healthcare Provider.

Your general practitioner can administer vaccines in their office. For childhood vaccines, most pediatricians and family physicians are vaccine providers.

#### If you get a prescription:

Visit your local pharmacy. Most pharmacies carry important vaccines in their inventory.

#### Before going:

Call the pharmacy to set up an appointment and ask about:

1. Vaccine availability
2. Insurance coverage
3. Total cost

#### What to bring:

1. Your parent or legal guardian (if you are under 18 years of age)
2. Your vaccine prescription
3. Identification
4. Insurance card

Some vaccines, like the Flu Shot, do not require a prescription. Ask your primary care provider or your local pharmacy and be sure to return for your booster shots!

### IF YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE BUT NO PROVIDER:

#### Visit a low-cost Community Health Center.

Community Health Centers provide comprehensive, high quality, cost-effective care and are leaders in the effective treatment and management of chronic diseases.

Visit <http://hawaii-pca.net/health-centers-in-hawaii>, or call (808) 536-8442, for more information.

### IF YOU DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE:

#### Contact a Public Health Nursing (PHN) Clinic.

Public Health Nursing Clinics provide family-centered, community based nursing services to individuals, families, or groups in a community. These may include case management, client advocacy, health education, health screening, monitoring, follow-up, and consultation.

Not all PHN provide immunizations so be sure to ask for vaccine availability. Services at PHN Clinics are free of charge but are by appointment only.

Visit <http://health.hawaii.gov/phnb/files/2018/05/Imm-Clinic-Schedules-05.18.18.pdf>, or call (808) 832-5765 for more information.



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