

Immunizations and Review

CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C&TC) FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

A review of the immunization history is required at every C&TC visit. Administer age-appropriate vaccines that are due, and if these are not given document why and include a plan for catch-up vaccines. Providers should provide accurate vaccine information, address parent concerns, and refer to reliable resources.

C&TC Requirements

General

A review of the immunization history is required at every C&TC visit to determine if the child is due or overdue for any vaccines (including COVID-19) according to the recommended Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [Immunization Schedules \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov).

Children and youth receiving care through C&TC must be given vaccines through the [Minnesota Vaccines for Children \(MnVFC\) Program](#).

Personnel

A licensed health care provider must review the immunization record and follow up appropriately: physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or registered or public health nurse (RN, PHN) who has completed the C&TC Comprehensive Screening training through the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Documentation

Document that a patient’s immunization history was assessed and immunizations were given. If immunizations were due but not given, document why and a plan for

catch-up vaccines. Federal law requires providing the most current [Vaccine Information Statement \(VIS\)](#) prior to immunization. Document that a VIS was given, date given, and publication date.

Only written, dated documentation (pictures of this documentation, or electronic record) should be accepted as evidence of previous vaccination (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023, p. 27). The [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(MIIC\)](#) stores records to assess a patient’s immunization history.

For documentation examples or for use as a template with your electronic medical record, refer to the [C&TC Provider Documentation Forms](#).

Procedure

Refer to specific vaccine administration guidelines at [MDH Immunization Best Practices](#).

Give VIS and information to help parents anticipate and manage potential mild side effects. The ACIP does not recommend antipyretics before or at the time of vaccination (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023). Medications may be given for fever or pain after vaccination if needed.

Report significant adverse events to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) even if there is no known causal relationship to vaccination.

Addressing Vaccine Concerns

Most parents vaccinate their children, but some will have vaccine questions and/or concerns. For strategies on how to address vaccine questions and concerns, refer to [Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations](#).

Medical Assistance can now be billed for stand-alone vaccination counseling visits [Child and Teen Checkups: Vaccine Counseling](#).

Providers billing for counseling services must be able to administer the vaccine for which they are counseling. Billable stand-alone vaccine counseling visits do not replace immunization review and administration as required during a complete C&TC visit. These visits are only billable when done outside of routine well visits.

Professional Recommendations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC recommends routine vaccination to prevent 17 vaccine-preventable diseases (Kroger, Bahta, Long, & Sanchez, 2023).

Resources for Providers

Minnesota Department of Human Services

- [C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards](#)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Manual - C&TC Section](#)

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Child and Teen Checkups \(C&TC\)](#)
- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics

- [Red Book Online](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Immunization Information for Healthcare Providers/Professionals](#)

Resources for Parents

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Vaccines for Your Children](#)

Minnesota Department of Health

- [Immunization Basics](#)
- [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents](#)

References

Kroger, A., Bahta, L., Long, S., & Sanchez, P. (2023). *General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization*. Retrieved from www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/downloads/general-recs.pdf

For More Information

The Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) program is administered through a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health.

For questions about this fact sheet or to obtain this information in a different format, call 651-201-3650 or email health.childteencheckups@state.mn.us.

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Resource Links

- [Immunization Schedules \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html)
- [Minnesota Vaccines for Children \(MnVFC\) Program \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html)
- [Vaccine Information Statement \(VIS\) \(www.immunize.org/vis\)](http://www.immunize.org/vis)
- [Minnesota Immunization Information Connection \(MIIC\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/index.html)
- [C&TC Provider Documentation Forms \(https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources\)](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/policies-procedures/minnesota-health-care-programs/provider/types/ctc-resources)
- [MDH Immunization Best Practices \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/bestpractices.html)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\) \(https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html\)](https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html)
- [Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/index.html\)](#)
- [Child and Teen Checkups: Vaccine Counseling \(https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS16_150092#vc\).](https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS16_150092#vc)
- [C&TC Schedule of Age-Related Screening Standards \(https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3379-ENG\)](https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-3379-ENG)
- [Minnesota Health Care Programs \(MHCP\) Provider Manual - C&TC Section \(http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_150092\)](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_150092)
- [Child and Teen Checkups \(C&TC\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/ctc/index.cfm\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/program/ctc/index.cfm)
- [Immunization Information for Health Care Providers \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html)
- [Red Book Online \(https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/redbook.aspx\)](https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/redbook.aspx)
- [Immunization Information for Healthcare Providers/Professionals \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/index.html)
- [Vaccines for Your Children \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html)
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- [Vaccines for Infants, Children, and Adolescents \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/kids.html)