

Kids Deserve a Shot vaccine incentive program

With only about a third of Minnesota children ages 5-11 years fully vaccinated against COVID-19, it's important that providers continue to promote vaccination at every opportunity. The Kids Deserve a Shot vaccine incentive program is one way to help families get vaccinated. Refer parents and families to **Kids Deserve a Shot! (mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/vaccine-rewards/kids-deserve-a-shot/index.jsp)** for more information and to complete the required registration. Here are the specifics:

- Minnesota families who get their kids 5-11 years old both their first and second doses in January and February can get a \$200 Visa gift card. Parents/Guardians can register their 5- to 11-year-old once they have completed their two-dose series. Registration for the \$200 Visa gift card opened at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 24 and closes at 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 28.
- Later this spring, there will be drawings for five \$100,000 Minnesota college scholarships for all Minnesotans 5-11 years old who are fully vaccinated. All Minnesotans 5-11 years old who completed their first and second doses at any point in time will be eligible to be entered for a chance to win a \$100,000 college scholarship.

Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) now recommended for immunocompromised people 19 years and older

On Oct. 20, 2021, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met and approved the recommendations for the use of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) in people 19 years and older who are immunocompromised. The full recommendation can be found in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR): **Use of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine in Immunocompromised Adults Aged ≥19 Years: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7103a2.htm)**.

Recommendations include two doses of RZV for persons 19 years and older who are or will be immunodeficient or immunosuppressed because of disease or therapy. More information can be found in CDC's **Clinical Considerations for Use of Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV, Shingrix) in Immunocompromised Adults Aged ≥19 Years (www.cdc.gov/shingles/vaccination/immunocompromised-adults.html)**.

MDH's Recombinant Zoster Vaccine (RZV) Vaccination Protocol will be updated soon to reflect these new recommendations.

COVID-19 vaccine updates

Providers can access the most up-to-date recommendations and guidance at **Vaccines & Immunizations (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/)**. The most recent recommendation from ACIP came on January 3, 2022. ACIP recommends boosters for adolescents ages 12 through 15 years if it has been 5 months since they completed their Pfizer vaccine 2-dose series.

Vaccine recommendation updates

In addition to the new zoster vaccine policy recently published (see article), ACIP has voted to recommend the following:

- Some of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines, 15-valent and 20 valent licensed for adults 19 and older: adults 65 years and older and adults 19 through 64 years should receive a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (either PCV20 or PCV15). If PCV15 is used, this should be followed by a dose of PPSV23. More about this recommendation and guidance can be found in **Use of 15-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine and 20-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Among U.S. Adults: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104a1.htm?s_cid=mm7104a1_w)**.
- Dengue Vaccine: ACIP recommends Dengue vaccine for children ages 9-16 years living in dengue-endemic areas of the U.S. (i.e., Puerto Rico). They need to have serologic evidence of a prior dengue infection before vaccination. These recommendations were published in December 2021 in **Dengue Vaccine: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2021 (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/rr/rr7006a1.htm?s_cid=rr7006a1_w)**.
- Hepatitis B vaccine: The ACIP recommends hepatitis B vaccination for all adults 19 through 59 years of age, and adults 60 years of age and older with risk factors for hepatitis B infection. Policy note is pending. This recommendation is still awaiting publication by CDC, so health insurance reimbursement or availability from UUAV may not yet be possible.

Influenza vaccine prebook for the 2022-2023 season

Influenza vaccine prebook for the 2022-23 season opened on Jan. 18. Prebook requests are due Feb. 1. Requests submitted after Feb. 1 will be considered late and will be prioritized accordingly. If you have not yet submitted your flu prebook request, please follow the instructions below.

How to prebook influenza vaccine

MnVFC-enrolled providers should use the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) to prebook.

- Login to **MIIC (miic.health.state.mn.us/miic)**
- Go to the Vaccine Management header on the left-hand side.
- Select request special event vaccine.
- From the Event dropdown select 2022-23 MnVFC pediatric influenza vaccine prebook.