

Information for Parents: **Vaccines Have the Power to Protect.**



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Parents Can Help Prevent the Spread of Disease:



Check with your child's doctor to make sure your child is up-to-date on all shots.



Get reliable information - talk to your child's doctor about vaccine concerns.



Ask your child's school or daycare if they allow children who are not up-to-date on shots.



Get your adult vaccines, including an annual flu shot.



Be an advocate for immunizations in your community, place of worship or school.

Resources for Parents:

Columbus Public Health Immunization Program:

- 614-645-7945
- www.columbus.gov/izclinic
- www.columbus.gov/vax-resources
- Clinic Hours (240 Parsons Ave., Columbus):
 - Mon - 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
 - Tue - 10 a.m.-6:15 p.m. (closed 2-3 pm)
 - Wed - 8-11:15 a.m.
 - Thu/Fri - 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (closed noon-1 pm)

Franklin County Public Health Immunization Program:

- 614-525-3719
- www.myfcph.org/health-wellness/immunizations

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides vaccines at no cost to eligible children. Talk to your child's doctor or contact your local health department for more information.

Information for Childcare Providers: **Vaccines Have the Power to Protect.**

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Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases often occur in child care settings.

Childcare Providers Can Help Prevent the Spread of Disease:



Ensure that all children in your care are properly immunized. **Exclude children who do not** meet minimum legal requirements (Ohio Revised Code 5104.014).



Exclude ill children and staff as required (Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13).



Ensure that all staff meet the immunization requirements (Ohio Administrative Code 5101:2-12-08).



Educate parents about the importance of immunizations (columbus.gov/vax-resources).

Resources for Childcare Providers:

Columbus Public Health:

- www.columbus.gov/vax-resources
- Immunization Program: 614-645-7945
- Infectious Disease Investigation Program: 614-645-1474 (option 2)

Franklin County Public Health:

- Immunization Program: www.myfcph.org/health-wellness/immunizations
- Infectious Disease Program: www.myfcph.org/health-wellness/infectious-disease-program

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services:

- Communicable Disease Training: jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/CommunicableDisease.stm