Did You Know Your Child Can Get Free Vaccines?

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN CAN HELP

The **Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program** provides free vaccines to children who qualify. About half of American children 18 years old and under receive the VFC vaccine.

Where can I find a VFC Program provider?

Ask your healthcare provider if they are enrolled in the VFC program. If your provider is not enrolled ask them to sign up by contacting the Department of Health, Immunization Program.

To get your child vaccinated, you can go to any of the following locations:

- DOH Public Health Clinics (Maternal Child and Health and Community Health)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Private Healthcare Providers
- For a list of providers in the territory go to https://doh.vi.gov/programs/immunizations/vaccine-children-program-providers.

Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Your child is eligible from birth through 18 years of age to get the vaccine and if he or she is:

- on Medicaid or eligible for Medicaid
- do not have health insurance
- are American Indian or Alaskan Native
- are under-insured:
  - insurance does not cover all or some of the vaccines
  - insurance covers selected vaccines (eligible only for those vaccines not covered)

Children whose insurance does not cover some of all routinely recommended vaccines (underinsured) can still get vaccines through VFC if they go to a **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)** or the Department of Health.

How much will I have to pay?

All vaccines are free through the VFC Program, saving you $100 or more on some vaccines. There may be other costs to your VFC provider visit; doctors may charge an administrative fee to give a shot. However, VCF vaccines cannot be denied to an eligible child if the family cannot afford the fee. If you have questions about the VFC Program, call your healthcare provider or the **Department of Health – Immunization Program St. Thomas/St. John (340) 776-1113, St. Croix (340) 718-1311.**

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