

Influenza Fact Sheet

Parents,

This website is very resourceful: http://www.adolescentvaccination.org/ten_reasons.htm

If your child is considering going on to a post secondary school you need to be aware of the vaccinations that are required by that school. Check with your doctor and see if your child has had the vaccinations that will be required. This is something that would be best taken care of in their junior or senior year rather than waiting to the last minute.

Vaccines Needed for Teens & College Students

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) currently recommends these 3 vaccines for administration beginning with your child's 11-12 year-old checkup (or as soon as possible and recommended, if your child is older and has not received the vaccines).

- [Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine \(Tdap\)](#)
- [Meningococcal vaccine \(MCV4\)](#)
- [Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine series](#)
*The HPV vaccine is also known as the "cervical cancer vaccine." In January 2010, the [recommendations](#) for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine have been modified to include the availability of and recommendations for bivalent HPV vaccine, and a permissive recommendation for administration of quadrivalent HPV vaccine to males aged 9 through 18 years to reduce the likelihood of acquiring genital warts.
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Older children should get the following vaccinations if they did not receive all recommended doses when younger:

- [Hepatitis B series](#)
- [Polio series](#)
- [Measles-mumps-rubella \(MMR\) series](#)
- [Varicella \(chickenpox\) series](#) – A second catch-up varicella shot is now recommended for children, adolescents, and adults who have previously received one dose.

Some children may need additional vaccines either due to their own specific health conditions or exposure in households to other people with age-related or health-related risks. The additional vaccines for which your child should be assessed include:

- [Influenza](#)
- [Pneumococcal polysaccharide \(PPV\)](#)
- [Hepatitis A](#)