



# Preventive care for adults and children

Stay healthy with preventive care! Get your checkups, screenings, and immunizations at no cost to you.



# Regular preventive care and counseling can help you and your family stay healthier.

Preventive care is the care and counseling you receive to prevent health problems. It's one of the best ways to keep you and your family in good health. It can include:



**Check-ups (annual physicals, pediatric well-visits, gynecology well-visits)**



**Immunizations**



**Cancer and other health screenings**

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other applicable laws and regulations. Accordingly, the content of this schedule may change.

Your specific needs for preventive services may vary according to your personal risk factors. Your health care provider is always your best resource for determining if you are at increased risk for a condition. Some services may require precertification or preapproval.

## Preventive care services

ACA Preventive care services are comprised of the following:

- US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B Recommendations List
- Women's Preventive Services
- Adult Immunizations Schedule
- AAP – Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule
- Children's Immunization Schedule

## Covered preventive services: Adults

The following visits, screenings, counseling, medications, and immunizations are generally considered preventive for adults ages 19 and older.

### Visits

Many adults are covered for one preventive exam (also called a well-visit) each benefit year.

### Screenings

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Anxiety in adults 64 years or younger
- Prediabetes and Type 2 diabetes
- Alcohol and drug use/misuse and behavioral counseling intervention
- Colorectal cancer beginning at age 45
- Depression and suicide risk
- Hepatitis B virus
- Hepatitis C virus
- High blood pressure
- HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
- Latent tuberculosis infection
- Lung cancer
- Obesity
- Syphilis infection

### Therapy and counseling

- Sexually transmitted infections prevention counseling
- Counseling for overweight or obese adults to promote a healthful diet and physical activity
- Prevention of falls counseling for community-dwelling adults ages 65 and older
- Tobacco use counseling





### Medications

- Low-dose aspirin
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV
- Prescription bowel preparation (used for colorectal cancer screenings)
- Statins
- Tobacco cessation medication

# Table 1: Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2023


Vaccine	19-26 years	27-49 years	50-64 years	≥ 65 years
COVID-19	2- or 3-dose primary series and booster (see notes*)			
Influenza inactivated (IIV) or Influenza recombinant (RIV4)	1 dose annually			
Influenza live, attenuated (LAIV4)	1 dose annually			
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap or Td)	1 dose Tdap each pregnancy; 1 dose Td/Tdap for wound management			
	1 dose Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication (if born in 1957 or later)			
Varicella (VAR)	2 doses (if born in 1980 or later)	2 doses		
Zoster recombinant (RZV)	2 doses for immunocompromising conditions (see notes*)		2 doses	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 or 3 doses depending on age at initial vaccination or condition	27 through 45 years		
Pneumoccal (PCV15, PCV20, PPSV23)	1 dose PCV15 followed by PPSV23 or 1 dose PCV20 (see notes*)			See notes*
				See notes*
Hepatitis A (HepA)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine			
Hepatitis B (HepB)	2, 3 or 4 doses depending on vaccine or condition			
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication, see notes for booster recommendations*			
Meningococcal B (MenB)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine and indication, see notes for booster recommendations*			
	19 through 23 years			
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	1 or 3 doses depending on indication			

\* More information about recommended immunizations is available from the Centers for Disease Control at [cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules).


 Recommended vaccination for adults who meet age requirement, lack documentation of vaccination, or lack evidence of past infection	 Recommended vaccination for adults with an additional risk factor or another indication
 Recommended vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making	 No recommendation/ Not applicable

For more information about recommended immunizations please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules).

## Covered preventive services: Women








The following visits, screenings, counseling, medications, and immunizations are generally considered preventive for women. Preventive care services that are applicable to pregnant women are marked with a  symbol.

### Visits



- Well-woman visits
- Prenatal care visits for pregnant women 

### Screenings


Preventive care specific to women may include the following screenings, depending on age and risk factors.

- Anxiety
- Bacteriuria 
- BRCA-related cancer risk assessment, genetic counseling, and mutation testing
- Breast cancer
- Cervical cancer (Pap test)
- Chlamydia
- Depression and suicide risk 
- Diabetes 
- Gonorrhea
- Hepatitis B virus 
- HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus) 
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Interpersonal and domestic violence
- Osteoporosis (bone mineral density)
- RhD incompatibility 
- Syphilis 
- Urinary incontinence

### Therapy and counseling

- Breast feeding supplies, support, and counseling 
- Tobacco use counseling
- Reproductive education and counseling, contraception, and sterilization 
- Obesity prevention in midlife<sup>†</sup>

### Medications

- Low-dose aspirin for preeclampsia 
- Breast cancer chemoprevention
- Folic acid
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV
- FDA-approved contraceptives
  - Male condoms if covered under a prescription<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> For plan years starting in 2023



# Covered preventive services: Children

The following visits, screenings, medications, counseling, and immunizations are generally considered preventive for children ages 18 and younger.

Preventive service	Recommendation
<b>Visits</b>	
<b>Pre-birth exams</b>	<b>All expectant parents for the purpose of establishing a pediatric medical home</b>
<p><b>Preventive exams</b></p> <p>Services that may be provided during the preventive exam include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral counseling for skin cancer prevention</li> <li>• Behavioral, social, and emotional screening</li> <li>• Blood pressure screening</li> <li>• Congenital heart defect screening</li> <li>• Counseling and education provided by health care providers to prevent initiation of tobacco use</li> <li>• Developmental surveillance</li> <li>• Dyslipidemia risk assessment</li> <li>• Hearing risk assessment for children 29 days or older</li> <li>• Height, weight, and body mass index measurements</li> <li>• Hemoglobin/hematocrit risk assessment</li> <li>• Obesity screening</li> <li>• Oral health risk assessment</li> <li>• Sudden cardiac arrest/death</li> </ul>	<p>All children up to 21 years of age, with preventive exams provided at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3–5 days after birth</li> <li>• By 1 month</li> <li>• 2 months</li> <li>• 4 months</li> <li>• 6 months</li> <li>• 9 months</li> <li>• 12 months</li> <li>• 15 months</li> <li>• 18 months</li> <li>• 24 months</li> <li>• 30 months</li> <li>• 3–21 years: annual exams</li> </ul>
<b>Additional screening services and counseling</b>	
Behavioral counseling for prevention of sexually transmitted infections	Semiannually for all sexually active adolescents at increased risk for sexually transmitted infections
Obesity screening and behavioral counseling	Behavioral counseling for children 6 years or older with an age-specific and sex-specific BMI in the 95th percentile or greater
<b>Medications</b>	
Fluoride	Oral fluoride for children up to 16 years whose water supply is deficient in fluoride
Prophylactic ocular topical medication for	All newborns within 24 hours after birth
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Fluoride varnish application	Every three months for all infants and children starting at age of primary tooth eruption through 5 years of age
Tuberculosis testing	All children up to age 21 years

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Preventive service	Recommendation
<b>Screenings</b>	
Alcohol and drug use/misuse screening and behavioral counseling intervention	Annually for all children 11 years of age and older Annual behavioral counseling in a primary care setting for children with a positive screening result for drug or alcohol use/misuse
Anxiety screening	Children and adolescents ages 8 to 18 years
Autism and developmental screening	All children
Bilirubin screening	All newborns
Chlamydia screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years
Depression and suicide risk screening	Annually for all children ages 12 years to 21 years
Dyslipidemia screening	Following a positive risk assessment or in children where laboratory testing is indicated
Gonorrhea screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years
Hearing screening for newborns	All newborns
Hearing screening for children 29 days or older	Following a positive risk assessment or in children where hearing screening is indicated
Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and Hepatitis C virus screening	All asymptomatic adolescents at high risk for HBV infection
HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus) screening	All children
Iron deficiency anemia screening	All children up to age 21 years
Lead poisoning screening	All children at risk of lead exposure
Newborn metabolic screening panel (e.g., congenital hypothyroidism, hemoglobinopathies [sickle cell disease], phenylketonuria [PKU])	All newborns
Syphilis screening	All sexually active children up to age 21 years with an increased risk for infection
Visual impairment screening	All children up to age 21 years

# Immunizations: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2023

These recommendations must be read with the notes that follow. For those who fall behind or start late, provide catch-up vaccination at the earliest opportunity as indicated by the green bars. To determine minimum intervals between doses, see the catch-up schedule (Table 2).\* School entry and adolescent vaccine age groups are shaded in gray.

Vaccine	Birth	1 mos	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1st dose	2nd dose			<-----	
Rotavirus (RV): RV1 (2-dose series), RV5 (3-dose series)			1st dose	2nd dose	* See notes	
Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP <7 yrs)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose	
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)			1st dose	2nd dose	* See notes	
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose	
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV <18 yrs)			1st dose	2nd dose	<-----	
COVID-19 (1vCOV-mRNA, 2vCOV-mRNA, 1vCOV-aPS)						
Influenza (IIV)						
Influenza (LAIV)						
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)					* See notes	
Varicella (VAR)						
Hepatitis A (HepA)					* See notes	
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap ≥7 yrs)						
Human papillomavirus (HPV)						
Meningococcal (MenACWY-D ≥9 mos, MenACWY-CRM ≥2 mos, MenACWY-TT>>2 years)						
Meningococcal B (MenB-4C, MenBFHbp)						
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)						
Dengue (DEN4CYD; 9-16 yrs)						

Range of recommended ages for all children
  Range of recommended ages for catch-up immunization
  Recommended based on shared clinical decision-making
  No recommendation/ Not applicable
  Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups



12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16 yrs	17-18 yrs
- 3rd dose ----->										
	<-- 4th dose -->				5th dose					
3rd & 4th dose (see notes*)										
<-- 4th dose -->										
- 3rd dose ----->					4th dose					
2- or 3- dose primary series and booster (see notes*)										
Annual vaccination 1 or 2 doses						or	Annual vaccination 1 dose only			
					Annual vaccination 1 or 2 doses		Annual vaccination 1 dose only			
<-- 1st dose -->					2nd dose					
<-- 1st dose -->					2nd dose					
2-dose series*										
							Tdap 1 dose			
						**	* See notes			
* See notes							1st dose		2nd dose	
							* See notes			
					* See notes					
							Seropositive in endemic dengue areas (see notes*)			

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\*\*Can be used in this age group

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