

VACCINES FOR YOUR CHILD

Learn about vaccines to help your child stay healthy through adolescence and beyond.



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- Tdap
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VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Tdap/DTaP protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Whooping cough can cause vomiting, gasping for air, and trouble sleeping. It may last for months and is very contagious. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds. It is important that children and adults receive this protection.

Chickenpox vaccine protects against more than just an itchy rash. The disease can cause pneumonia or serious skin infections. Children need two shots, but many never get their second shot. Ask your healthcare provider if your preteen/teen needs a chickenpox shot.

HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccine is given as a series of shots and recommended for both preteen/teen girls and boys. It prevents cervical cancer and several other cancers of the reproductive system, along with genital warts. HPV vaccine works best when all doses are given well before the start of sexual activity, which can spread HPV infection.

Hepatitis B is a serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The virus, which is called hepatitis B virus (HBV), can cause lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure, and death. The hepatitis B vaccine helps your natural immune system to protect against the hepatitis B virus.

Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a crippling and potentially deadly disease. It is caused by the poliovirus. The virus spreads from person to person and can invade an infected person's brain and spinal cord, causing paralysis (can't move parts of the body). Polio can be prevented with the polio vaccine. Polio still occurs in other countries around the world and can spread easily. Children should receive a total of four doses of the polio vaccine to protect against the Polio disease.



Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease. It is caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is spread from person to person through contact with the feces (stool) of people who are infected, which can easily happen if someone does not wash his or her hands properly. You can also get hepatitis A from food, water, or objects contaminated with HAV. The hepatitis A vaccine helps your natural immune system to protect against the hepatitis A virus.

Measles, mumps, rubella vaccine protects against highly contagious diseases that can lead to brain damage and death. Students need two shots before school entry in Ohio.

Meningococcal vaccines protect against the devastating bacterial infection, meningococcal meningitis. The infection can lead to brain damage, arm and leg amputations, kidney damage, and death. Meningococcal (ACWY) and Meningococcal serogroup B vaccines protect against meningococcal meningitis. Meningococcal serogroup B is administered at the preferred age of 16-18 years.

PREPARING FOR VACCINES

- We advise a good breakfast/lunch with fluids on injection day.
- **Schedule an appointment with the Williams County Health Department at 419-485-3141**



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