

Vaccination has greatly reduced the burden of infectious diseases in the world.

Only clean water performs better.¹



In Ohio, certain vaccines are required for entrance into 7th and 12th grade.

The Union County Health Department encourages vaccinating teens with ALL recommended teen vaccines to fully protect your child.

Most insurance plans pay for vaccines with no out-of-pocket cost and programs are available for those who are uninsured. All childhood and teen immunizations are available by appointment at the Union County Health Department. Call (937) 642-2053 today to make an appointment or speak to a nurse about teen vaccines.

Vaccines are one of the most effective weapons we have against disease—they are safe and 85 – 99% effective in preventing disease. The advancement in teen vaccines in recent years can greatly impact the health of our children by protecting them from cancer caused by the HPV virus (for both boys and girls) and from bacterial meningitis, a very serious and often deadly disease.

Childhood vaccines have decreased diphtheria by 100%, Hib (meningitis) by 99%, Measles and Mumps by 99%, polio by 100%, rubella by 99%, tetanus by 98%, Whooping Cough by 93%, and Chicken Pox by 89%. As more and more parents choose to fully vaccinate their teens against HPV and bacterial meningitis, we are confident we will see similar reductions in diseases related to HPV and bacterial meningitis.

Recommended Vaccines for entering 7th grade (ages 11-12)*

- Tdap (1 booster) - protects against tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis (Whooping Cough). *Required for school.*
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) (series of 3) - protects against cancer and genital warts caused by the HPV virus. HPV is so common that nearly all sexually active men and women get it at some point in their lives. *Recommended at age 11-12.*
- Meningococcal (MCV4) (series of 1 now & 1 at age 16) - protects against 4 of 5 types of meningococcal bacteria. *Required for school.*
- Influenza (1 shot annually for most children) – protects against 4 common strains of flu. *Recommended in fall.*

Recommended Vaccines for entering 12th grade*

- Meningococcal (MCV4) (1 booster) - protects against 4 of 5 types of meningococcal bacteria. *Required for school.*
- Meningococcal B (series of 2 or 3) - protects against the 5th type of meningococcal bacteria. *Recommended at age 16-18.*
- Influenza (1 shot annually for most children) – protects against 4 common strains of flu. *Recommended in fall.*
- *If not up-to-date, catch-up on 7th grade vaccines*

If you have questions about your teen's immunization status or any of the recommended vaccines, please talk to your health care provider or the Union County Health Department. Call (937) 642-2053 today to make an appointment or speak to an immunization nurse at the Union County Health Department.

Yours in Good Health,

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¹ Plotkin SL, Plotkin SA. A short history of vaccination. In: Plotkin SA, Orestein WA, eds. Vaccines, 4th edn. Philadelphia: WB Saunders; 2004: 1-15.

* Recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), other medical societies, and CDC.