

## Keeping up with routine vaccinations during COVID-19

### Well-child visits and vaccinations are essential services

In May 2020, the CDC released a [report](#) showing a drop in routine childhood vaccinations as a result of COVID-19; a result of stay-at-home orders and concerns about infection during well-child visits. Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC recommend the continuation of routine childhood vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, noting they are essential services.



**Fewer childhood vaccines have been given during the COVID-19 pandemic\***

To avoid outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and keep children protected, **vaccinations and well-child visits are essential**

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To encourage well-visits and vaccinations, here are some extra steps you can take to ensure visits are as safe as possible for both patients and staff. They include:

- Scheduling sick visits and well-child visits during different times of the day.
- Asking patients to remain outside until it's time for their appointment to reduce the number of people in waiting rooms.
- Offering sick visits and well-child visits in different locations.

It is important to identify those children who missed immunizations and well-child visits to schedule these essential in-person appointments. To help, the CDC has published [vaccine catch-up guidance](#) on their website.

### Help your patients earn rewards

For additional encouragement, Dell Children’s Health Plan members can earn \$20 or more in gift cards for completing vaccines and/or well visits through our **Healthy Rewards** program. Please encourage your patients to enroll in the program on the Dell Children’s Health Plan website so they can earn rewards for these activities.

See the chart below:

Dell Children’s Health Plan	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Texas Health Steps/ Child and Adolescent Well Care Visits (WCV)	Texas Health Steps/ Child and Adolescent Well Care Visits (WCV)	Rotavirus
<b>Ages</b>	9 through 12	At 18, 24, 30 months and each year for ages 3 to 20 years	Complete six well-child visits for ages 0 to 15 months	42 days to 24 months
<b>Reward amount</b>	\$20	\$20	\$120	\$20

Patients can enroll online at <https://www.dellchildrens.net/health-plan/about-us/extra-benefits> or by calling **888-990-8681 (TTY 711)**.

### Helpful information for keeping babies and children healthy

Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) HEDIS® measure requires that all children are immunized by their 2nd birthday:

- Four DTap (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis)
- Three IPV (polio)
- One MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Three HiB (H influenza type B)
- Three Hep B (hepatitis B)
- One VZV (chicken pox)
- Four PCV (pneumococcal conjugate)
- One Hep A (hepatitis A)
- Two or three RV (rotavirus)
- Two influenza (flu)

### Billing codes:

- **MMR:**
  - **CPT®:** 90707, 90710
  - **ICD-10-CM:** B05.0-4, B05.81, B05.89, B05.9
- **Mumps:**
  - **ICD-10-CM:** B26.0-3, B26.81-85, B26.89, B26.9
- **Rubella:**
  - **ICD-10-CM:** B06.-00-02, B06.09, B06.81-82, B06.89, B06.9

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- **Rubella antibody:**
  - **CPT:** 86762
- **Hepatitis A:**
  - **CPT:** 90633
  - **ICD-10-CM:** B15.0, B15.9
- **Influenza:**
  - **CPT:** 90655, 90657, 90662, 90673, 90685, 90686-90689
  - **HCPCS:** G0008
- **Rotavirus vaccine (RV):**
  - **CPT:** 90681 (two-dose), 90680 (three-dose)

**Children should be fully immunized by 13 years of age to meet the Immunization for Adolescents (IMA) HEDIS measure:**

- One meningococcal vaccine (MCV) injection between 11 and 13 years of age
- One tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap/Td) between 10 and 13 years of age
- Two or three HPV vaccines between 9 and 13 years of age

**Billing codes:**

- **Meningococcal:**
  - **CPT:** 90734
- **Tdap:**
  - **CPT:** 90715
- **HPV:**
  - **CPT:** 90649, 90650, 90651

**Please refer to the Dell Children's Health Plan HEDIS coding booklet for coding guidelines.**