

Keeping up with routine vaccination during COVID-19

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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.



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 have 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, Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) members can earn \$25 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 Anthem website so they can earn rewards for these activities.

Anthem	Childhood Immunization Status Combination 10 (CIS-10)	Immunizations for Adolescents Combo 2 (IMA-2)	Child and Adolescent Well Visits (WCV)
Ages	0 to 1 (before 2nd birthday)	11 to 12 (before 13th birthday)	3 to 21
Reward amount	\$25	\$25	\$25

Patients can enroll online at <https://mss.anthem.com/ca> or by calling **888-990-8681 (TTY 711)**.

Helpful information for keeping babies and children healthy:

Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) Combination 10 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:**0-3, B26.81-85, B26.89, B26.9
- **Rubella:**
 - **ICD-10-CM:**-00-02, B06.09, B06.81-82, B06.89, B06.9
- **Rubella antibody:**
 - **CPT:** 86762
- **Hepatitis A:**
 - **CPT:** 90633
 - **ICD-10-CM:**0, B15.9
- **Influenza:**
 - **CPT:** 90655, 90657, 90662, 90673, 90685, 90686-90689
 - **HCPCS:** G0008
- **Rotavirus vaccine (RV):**
 - **CPT:** 90681 (two-dose), 90680 (three-dose)

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Children should be fully immunized by 13 years of age to meet the Immunization for Adolescents (IMA) Combination 2 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
- **HVP:**
 - **CPT:** 90649, 90650, 90651

Please refer to the Anthem HEDIS coding booklet for coding guidelines.

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