

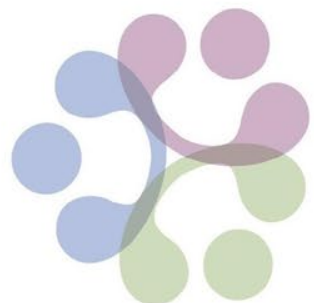


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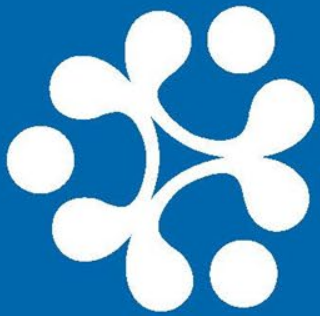
Immunizations Coverage

as of January 12, 2026



Background

The federal government recently announced changes to the childhood immunization schedule, reducing the number of vaccines universally recommended and introducing shared decision-making categories. Some vaccines that used to be recommended for all children will now be given based on a discussion between parents and their healthcare provider, or only to children at higher risk. This is called clinical shared decision-making --- a process where providers and patients or parents make medical decisions together



Coverage of Immunizations

All medically necessary immunizations are still covered for all Health First Colorado members with no cost sharing.

Vaccines recommended through shared clinical decision-making are also covered at no cost to members.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program- Health First Colorado Members under 19 years old can receive all vaccines available through the federal VFC Program at VFC-enrolled provider offices.

Managed Care Organization (MCO) Members- MCO members must receive immunizations through an in-network provider- Elevate (Denver Health) Medicaid Choice

Not covered-

- Vaccines for the purposes of travel
- Immunizations delivered outside of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval/off-label usage
- Vaccines in pharmacies- because there are no pharmacies enrolled in VFC



Vaccine help

- Your regional accountable entity (RAE) care coordinator can help you locate a vaccine provider
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) maintains the list of VFC providers: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/find-free-low-cost-vaccine-provider>