

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

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The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. CDC buys vaccines at a discount and distributes them to grantees—i.e., state health departments and certain local and territorial public health agencies—which in turn distribute them at no charge to those private physicians' offices and public health clinics registered as VFC providers. Children who are **eligible*** for VFC vaccines are entitled to receive those vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). [More...](#)



Vaccines for Children
Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2016 will:

- prevent **381 million** illnesses
more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.
- help avoid **855,000** deaths
greater than the population of Seattle, W.A.
- save nearly **\$1.65 trillion** in total societal costs
(that includes \$360 billion in direct costs)
or \$5,877 for each American

Updated 2017 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccine for Children Program Era—United States, 1998-2017"

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

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The Vaccines For Children program has helped prevent diseases and save lives...big time! [[enlarged view](#)]

In the Spotlight

[Vaccines For Children Program and Storage and Handling Training Module \(2/5/2013\)](#)

Training on program requirements including storage and handling of VFC vaccines