



Public Health
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Immunizations

The La Crosse County Health Department is dedicated to promoting wellness and preventing disease in individuals by offering childhood and adult immunization programs.

Routine childhood vaccinations have made such an impact on public health that immunizations are considered one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century. Vaccines prevent disease in people who receive them and also protect those who come into contact with unvaccinated individuals. Before vaccines, many children died from diseases such as polio, diphtheria and tetanus. Through the introduction of routine vaccinations, many of these diseases are becoming rare in the U.S. The viruses and bacteria that cause them still exist; however, vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR WISCONSIN IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY (WIR) RECORD

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Infant/Child/Teen Immunization

Immunizing your children is one of the best things you can do to keep them healthy. Since childhood diseases are especially dangerous for infants, it is important to start your child's immunizations on time, usually at birth or 2 months.

The Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program:

The VFC program through the La Crosse County Health Department provides all recommended and required vaccinations for children through 18 years of age. Who is eligible? Children who:

- Have no health insurance
- Have Medical Assistance or Badger Care
- Have private insurance that does not cover vaccines or has a cap on vaccines
- Are American Indian or Alaskan Native

There is no charge to the family for the vaccinations. There is a \$15.00 per visit administration fee; although no child is turned away due to inability to pay the administration fee. Please call 608-785-9723 for eligibility and appointment information.

Children who have private insurance:

The La Crosse County Health Department offers select vaccinations to children (1 year through 18 years of age) whose family carries private insurance. These vaccinations include MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella), Varicella (Chickenpox), and Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis). These are the only vaccinations that we are able to offer to children with private insurance at this time.



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The LCHD does not bill insurance companies. We give parents a receipt for the cost of the vaccinations and the administration fee and parents may submit that to their insurance company.

There is a \$15.00 per visit administration fee plus the cost of the individual vaccine. Please call the LCHD at 608-785-9723 for vaccine current market prices and availability. For all other recommended or required childhood vaccinations, please call your child's primary healthcare provider.

Recommended Immunization Schedule

The La Crosse County Health Department provides all recommended children's vaccines:

- [For 0-6 years](#)
- [For 7-18 years](#)

At the Immunization Clinic visit

- Appointments are recommended, please 608-785-9723 to schedule an appointment.
- Bring your child's immunization records with you.
- Parent must attend clinic with child. If this is not possible, call us first at (608) 785-9723.

After the Immunization Clinic visit

- [After the shots, how to care for your child](#) (Immunization Action Coalition)
- [5S's—Soothing your young baby](#) (NPR Health blog)

Want more information about children's vaccines?

- [CDC Parent Page](#)
- [Why immunize?](#) (CDC)
- [Evidence Shows Vaccines are Unrelated to Autism](#) (Immunization Action Coalition)
- [Clear Answers and Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots](#) (Immunization Action Coalition)
- [What if you don't immunize your child?](#) (Immunization Action Coalition)

Students-School Requirements

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law was passed in 1975 establishing required doses of vaccines for children in all Wisconsin schools and licensed day care centers. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Immunization Program website discusses current WI school and daycare vaccinations requirements:

WI School and Daycare Vaccination Requirements

The LCHD will routinely hold immunization clinics for children, adolescents, and teens at schools and other child friendly sites. Our policy allows us to vaccinate middle and high school students without a parent/guardian present on the condition that the parent/guardian has completed the following permission form in its entirety:

Vaccine School Consent Form for Middle and High Schoolers

We ask that all elementary school age children and younger be accompanied by a parent or guardian to the clinic. If a parent or guardian is not able to come to the clinic with their child and chooses to have another adult bring the child (like grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) we ask that the parent write a short letter saying that they are giving permission for their child to be vaccinated, what immunizations they would like their child to have, and then sign and date the letter.

For information on each vaccine, please go to <http://www.immunize.org/vis/> to read the Vaccine Information Statements.



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Adults (19 Years and Older)

Adults need immunizations too. Your age, lifestyle, health, past vaccines, and travel can affect what you need. Protect your health and those around you. Get your shots!

Adults who carry private insurance:

The LCHD offers vaccines for adults aged 19 and older who carry private insurance or pay out of pocket. Vaccines available are Hepatitis A and B, MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella), Varicella (Chickenpox), Shingles, and Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis).

The LCHD does not bill insurance companies. We give clients a receipt for the cost of the vaccinations and the administration fee and clients may submit that to their insurance company.

There is a \$17.00 per visit administration fee plus the cost of the individual vaccine. Please call the LCHD at 608-785-9723 for vaccine current market prices and availability.

Adults without insurance or who are underinsured:

Certain vaccines are provided to the La Crosse County Health Department by the Wisconsin Immunization Program and are offered to eligible adults aged 19 years and older. State-supplied vaccines are for uninsured and underinsured adult clients only. Vaccines available are Hepatitis A and B, HPV (Human Papillomavirus), Meningococcal, MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella), Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis), and Varicella (Chickenpox).

There is a \$17.00 per visit administration fee. There is no charge for the cost of the vaccine. Please call 608-785-9723 for eligibility and appointment information.

Adults Need Immunizations, Too (CDC)

Vaccinations for Adults (IAC)

Recommended Adult Immunizations (CDC)

Travelers

Traveler's Vaccinations (CDC)

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The La Crosse County Health Department offers Seasonal Influenza Vaccine starting end of September/beginning of October each year. Please call the La Crosse County Health Department at 608-785-9723 to check availability and prices.

Reliable Sources of Information

- [Vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov)
- [Centers for Disease Control-Vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Wisconsin Immunization Program](http://www.wisconsin.gov/health)
- [The History of Vaccines](http://www.historyofvaccines.com)