

Back to school vaccinations, are parents prepared?

Heading back to school is an exciting time of year for students and families. As students go back to school, it is important that they are up to date on their immunizations. Vaccination protects students from diseases and keeps them healthy*.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been multiple disruptions to health care services. These included decreased administration of vaccines, leading to greater risk of vaccine-preventable diseases in children and adolescents**. The CDC recommends health care providers work with families to update children's vaccines and has released a catch-up schedule for children and adolescents who have inadvertently gotten off track with their routine vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-catch-up.html

The vaccines your child needs to attend school will depend on their age and the state in which you live, as different states have varying vaccination requirements, there's no universal set of requirements that applies across the U.S. However, each state generally abides by the recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) for required back-to-school vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/index.html

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*https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/vaccines-protect-children-harmful-infectious-diseases

**https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/25-million-children-missed-routine-vaccinations-covid-rcna38385

**https://www.who.int/news/item/15-07-2022-covid-19-pandemic-fuels-largest-continued-backslide-in-vaccinations-in-three-decades

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