

Frequently Asked Questions About Immunization Services

Peninsula Health District

Q: [Who can get shots at the Health Department?](#)

A: Anyone is eligible to receive shots at the health department regardless of residence, income, or regular source of health care. We do recommend that you or your child have a primary care provider, who usually can provide vaccines as part of overall health care.

Q: [Will it cost me anything?](#)

A: It will depend on why you need the vaccine.

- Children eligible for Virginia's Vaccine for Children program receive eligible vaccines at no cost.
- Any child who receives a childhood vaccine that is required for school entry in Virginia receives the vaccine at no cost.
- Fees will be charged for childhood vaccines not required for school entry, most adult vaccines, TB assessments, travel assessments and vaccines needed for foreign travel.

Q: [How do I pay for vaccines or assessments?](#)

A: We accept cash, check, Visa, and MasterCard. We can bill Medicaid and Medicare for some vaccines. We do not bill private insurance companies.

Q: [What do I need to bring with me?](#)

A: We like you to bring the following information so that we can provide the right vaccine(s) at the visit and avoid a second visit for you:

- Your or your child's shot record
- Hospital record of an infant who received hepatitis B vaccine at birth
- Any forms you need us to complete
- Any insurance information
- A document that shows the legal name of the person receiving services

Q: [What shots should my child or I have? When do we need them?](#)

A: We follow the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which are available at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm

Q: What shots does my child need to attend daycare or school in Virginia?

A: The Virginia Department of Health's Division of Immunization maintains the most-up-to-date information on immunization requirements at:
www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/Immunization/requirements.htm

Q: I need a TB (tuberculosis) test – Where do I go?

A: We can perform a TB assessment and apply a TB skin test (PPD), if it is indicated.

- A public health nurse must conduct a TB assessment to find out if there is a need for the TB skin test. TB assessments are only performed Monday-Wednesday on a walk-in basis. The assessment costs \$13.21; the TB skin test if indicated costs an additional \$7.00 (costs as of 7/26/2010; costs may vary).
- If you do not need a TB skin test, you will receive a letter stating that you are free of communicable TB based on the risk assessment. You give the report to your doctor, school, employer, or other agency that requested the TB assessment.
- If a TB skin test is given, you **MUST** return to have us look at it in 2-3 days. We will then give you a record of the test and your reaction for your doctor, school, employer, or other agency. If you have a positive reaction to the TB skin test, we will refer you to our Communicable Disease office for further evaluation, including a chest x-ray.
- If you think you have been exposed to someone who has TB, contact the Communicable Diseases office at 594-7427.

Q: I am traveling out of the country. What do I need?

A: We provide pre-travel assessments and vaccines by appointment. A public health nurse will perform the travel assessment and consultation. The cost for this service is \$25.50 (cost as of 7/26/2010; cost may vary). There will be additional charges for any vaccines and their administration. Please bring your immunization record with you, especially if you have had travel vaccines in the past. We will recommend vaccines you should receive based on information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization.

Q: Do you give rabies shots? I have been bitten by an animal. What do I do?

A: Persons who are bitten by an animal need to be seen in a hospital emergency room for wound care, tetanus immunization and rabies vaccine, if needed. Rabies vaccine for treatment of an animal bite is not routinely provided by the Peninsula Health District.

If you have other questions, please call the Immunization Clinic during clinic hours at (757) 594-7410.

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