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# COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach

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## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Webinars:

Post-COVID Conditions (Earn free CE.)

[Learn more here.](#)

Community Engagement: The People's Approach to Improving Health and Social Outcomes (Earn free CE.)

[Learn more and register here.](#)

CDC: Foster a Culture of Immunization Course (Earn free CE.)

[Learn more and register here.](#)

CDC: You Are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention (Earn free CE.)

[Learn more and register here.](#)

## Strategies to Move beyond COVID-19: Recovering Routine Immunization Rates

COVID-19 has negatively impacted routine immunization rates across the United States. The onset of the covid-19 pandemic led families to skip well-child visits and delay routine vaccinations. Experts say that we will be coping for years with the impacts of delayed medical care during the height of the pandemic.

**"In 2021 alone, 25 million children missed at least one essential vaccine and 18 million children received no vaccines at all. Our action on immunization in the years leading to 2025 will shape how the story of the pandemic is written. If we fail, we will see tragedies like unprevented cervical cancer and increased child mortality, leading to more deaths in generations that should have been living longer. "** - [Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - March 2023](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has developed a [2021-2025 National Strategic Plan](#) to "provide a roadmap for federal and non-federal partners and stakeholders for strengthening vaccination infrastructure across public and private sectors, including improving immunization and health equity." Unfortunately, despite the significant benefits of vaccines, [the Center for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\) states](#) that "at least three out of every four adults are missing one or more routinely recommended vaccines."

*Below are a few tips on how to get up to date on your vaccines.*

### 1. Reach out to your doctor/ pediatrician:

- Be prepared with some questions to ask, including: Which vaccines do I (or my child) need to catch up on? How many doses of each vaccine are we missing? Will catching up require multiple appointments?

### 2. Check out the [CDC's catch-up schedule for recommended vaccinations](#):

- The advisory committee on immunization Practices [provides a list of recommended vaccines](#) that guide immunization schedules for children, adolescents, and adults.

### 3. Financial Assistance:

- The ["Vaccines for Children" \(VFC\) Program](#) helps secure vaccines for children when parents or guardians are uninsured or underinsured. Ask your child's pediatrician for more information.

### 4. Save vaccination records:

- Ask your vaccine provider for an immunization record form or [download and use this form](#) . Bring this record with you to health visits and ask your vaccine provider to sign and date the form for each vaccine you receive. That way, you can be sure that the immunization information is current and correct.
- If your vaccine provider participates in an [immunization registry](#), ask that your vaccines be documented there as well.

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## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Interactive Workshop:

Date: April 27, 2023  
8:45 a.m.- 12 p.m. ET

Holistic Leadership: Championing  
Wellness and Modeling Self-Care for  
Your Team

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where to  
get the nearest vaccine and booster.

For information on the COVID-19  
vaccine, testing, guidance, and  
resources visit [swflvaccine.org](https://www.swflvaccine.org)

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## Resources

### COVID-19 Vaccination

#### Clinical Resources

- [CDC Report](#): Racial and Ethnic Differences in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Children and Adolescents Ages 5-17 Years and Parental Intent to Vaccinate Their Children
- [ProviderBridge.org](#) provides up-to-date information on emergency regulation and licensing by state as well as a provider portal to connect volunteer health care professionals to state agencies and health care entities.
- [Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution \(RHCVD\) Program](#). Under the program, Medicare-certified RHCs will receive direct COVID-19 vaccines in addition to their normal jurisdictions' weekly allocation.
- [One Stop Online for COVID Prevention and Treatment in Every County](#). Visitors to the site can enter their county and map nearby locations for masks, respirators, vaccines, boosters, and all testing and treatment options.

#### Promotion/Patient education materials

- Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida [COVID-19 Resource](#) website
- Health Council of Southeast Florida [Stay Healthy Sunshine Campaign](#) website
- **\*Updated\*** "We Can Do This" [communications materials](#)
- **\*NEW\*** [The Public Health Learning Agenda Toolkit](#): Facilitate deeper, more robust stages of learning that can increasingly impact systems change
- [National Resource Center](#) for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants creates COVID-19 communications materials in 40+ languages.
- [Reaching Farm Communities for Vaccine Confidence](#) provides information and training on injury and disease related to agriculture. Their health professionals and educators created a social media toolkit that aims to provide clear messages about COVID-19 vaccination for agriculture, forestry, and fishing workers.
- [Talking Health: A New Way to Communicate About Public Health](#) provides new research-based tools to help health professionals communicate more effectively about public health, strengthen community partnerships, and improve health outcomes.