

Vaccines for Children Program Report, 2020

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford immunizations. This helps ensure all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. A child is eligible for the VFC Program if they are younger than 19 years of age **and falls into one of the following categories:**

- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- Underinsured
- American Indian or Alaska native

The CDC estimates vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2013 will¹:

- Prevent 322 million illnesses
- Help avoid 732,000 deaths
- Save nearly \$1.4 trillion in total societal costs

In the 2021 fiscal year, it was estimated that 319,601 children younger than 19 years old were eligible for VFC funded vaccines in Utah.

VFC vaccines can be administered by any enrolled VFC Program Provider. Altogether there are 44,000 providers enrolled in the VFC Program nationwide².

Number of Active VFC Providers Utah, 2021	
Total: 345	
Private Providers	223
FQHC/RHC/CHC	52
Hospitals	8
Indian Health Service	5
Local Health Departments	39
Pharmacies	8
Other Providers	8
School Based Clinics	2

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). December 2021. VFC Infographic: Protecting America's Children Every Day. Retrieved from: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/protecting-children.html>

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Provider Education Assessment and Reporting (PEAR) System. Accessed December 2021.CDC.

Below is the number of doses distributed to VFC clinics throughout Utah in 2019 and 2020³.

VFC Doses Distributed 2019–2020		
Vaccine	2019	2020
DTaP	12,030	9,340
Pediarix	23,590	21,480
Pentacel	26,400	24,300
Kinrix	13,420	10,900
IPV	7,580	4,990
Hep A	37,410	30,730
Hep B	20,060	18,640
HIB	29,920	27,310
MCV	23,825	19,420
HPV	23,810	21,140
Men B	3,415	3,640
MMR	17,430	13,030
MMRV	19,000	14,880
PCV	57,200	53,260
Rotavirus	38,370	36,190
Td	760	349
Tdap	19,250	15,060
Varicella	19,540	15,340
Total	393,010	339,999

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Vaccine Tracking System (Vtrcks) System. Accessed December 2021.CDC.