

“Where do I find more information about immunizations?”

Resources

El Paso County Public Health

www.elpasocountyhealth.org or (719) 578-3199

National Immunization Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/vaccines or (800) 232-4636

Immunization Action Coalition, a nonprofit group seeking to boost immunization rates

www.immunize.org
or (651) 647-9009

Vaccinating Your Child: Questions & Answers for the Concerned Parent (Peachtree Pub., \$14.95)
by Dr. Sharon Humiston



“Immunizations are the most effective way of protecting us from preventable and potentially dangerous diseases. For instance, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) is no longer the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children. Also, if we relax our emphasis on the importance of vaccinations, the measles outbreaks that plagued us several decades ago could return. Make certain that every member of your family has received the immunizations necessary to help each individual lead the healthiest possible life.”

Bernadette Albanese, M.D.,
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Keep Your Child Healthy. Immunize!

El Paso County Public Health



Keep your children's shot records in a safe place. They are as important as their Social Security cards!

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“Why does my child need immunizations?”

The Facts About Immunizations

Only 74 percent of Colorado’s children entering kindergarten are up to date on their immunizations. Vaccine-preventable diseases are still around. Each year in Colorado and El Paso County, children suffer from preventable diseases such as pertussis (whooping cough) and chickenpox. Make sure you start your baby on his or her shots by two months of age and get shots on time, every time.



“The use of vaccines and our ability to immunize against, decrease, and prevent vaccine-preventable diseases is one of the most important public health activities in the past 100 years.”

Kandi Buckland, R.N., M.P.A.
Executive Director
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“What does my child need?”

Immunizations from birth through age 6

*Hepatitis B

Birth, 2 months and again between 6 and 18 months

Rotavirus

2 months, 4 months and 6 months

*DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)

2 months, 4 months, 6 months, between 15 and 18 months, and between 4 and 6 years

*Hib (Haemophilus Influenza type b)

2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and again between 12 and 15 months

*Pneumococcal diseases such as meningitis

2 months, 4 months, 6 months and again between 12 and 15 months

*Polio

2 months, 4 months, between 6 and 18 months, and again between 4 years and 6 years

Influenza

Annually in autumn, beginning at 6 months of age

*MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

Between 12 and 15 months and again between 4 and 6 years

*Varicella (Chickenpox)

Between 12 and 15 months and again between 4 and 6 years

Hepatitis A

1 dose after 12 months of age and again 6 to 12 months later

Meningococcal diseases

For members of high-risk groups as directed by physicians.

* These immunizations are required by Colorado for entry to child care centers, preschools and school.

“Where do I go to get immunizations?”

Where to Go

Family Physician

Contact your family doctor to schedule an appointment.

El Paso County Public Health

1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd.
(719) 578-3199

By appointment only

Current shot record needed for appointment.

Peak Vista Community Health Centers

340 Printers Parkway (719) 632-5700
www.peakvista.org

