

Immunization Investments

Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect the public's health and prevent disease. In the United States today, we enjoy record-high immunization coverage rates for most childhood vaccines and increasing coverage rates for adolescent and adult vaccines. Americans have benefited from significant reductions in once common and deadly diseases such as diphtheria, smallpox, measles, and polio. CDC's immunization investments play a vital role in protecting the public's health from 17 vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) across the lifespan.

CDC supports state and local health departments to improve access to vaccines, build critical public health infrastructure, and strengthen the scientific evidence base for vaccine policy decisions and practices. CDC supports epidemiology and laboratory capacity to detect, prevent, and respond to vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza and measles. CDC's investments save both lives and dollars.



Supporting State Immunization Programs

CDC provides immunization funding to states through a non-competitive, formula-based award program. This funding supports state and local immunization operations and helps to implement the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. CDC investments:

- Assure access to vaccines, promote public awareness of new and expanded vaccine recommendations, and manage vaccine shortages.
- Prevent disease outbreaks and aids rapid response should they occur.
- Prepare for other urgent vaccine preventable emergencies, such as pandemics.

Improving Influenza Prevention, Planning, and Response

CDC helps protect the nation from seasonal and pandemic influenza. Influenza investments improve vaccine impact, enhance detection and response, and assess risk and pandemic readiness throughout the United States. State investments support national efforts to improve influenza prevention through vaccination and collect data that helps decide the makeup of the next season's flu vaccine. CDC's support for states contributes to the critical U.S. system to better identify and respond to threats from seasonal and pandemic influenza and the development of newer, better flu vaccines.

Strengthening Immunization Through Science and Innovation

To ensure safe and effective immunization policies and programs, CDC funds public health departments, universities and other entities to:

- Strengthen the science supporting vaccine recommendations and program strategies.
- Support epidemiology and laboratory capacity to detect outbreaks and changes in diseases.
- Monitor the safety and effectiveness of vaccines.