



VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

The **Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program** is a federally-funded program that helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them. This helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. Vaccines available through the VFC Program are those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from 16 diseases. **Allen County Public Health is a VFC provider.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR VFC VACCINES?

A child is eligible for the VFC Program if he or she is younger than 19 years of age and is one of the following:

- ✓ **Medicaid-eligible**
- ✓ **Uninsured**
- ✓ **Underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines)**
- ✓ **American Indian or Alaska Native**

No child who meets the above criteria will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for VFC vaccines, even when a claim for the cost of the vaccine and its administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan's deductible had not been met.

VACCINES FOR PRIVATELY-INSURED CHILDREN

Allen County Public Health does have vaccine available for those children who are covered by private insurance. **Insurance eligibility must be confirmed and all copays and/or deductibles must be paid prior to administration of the vaccines.** Allen County Public Health accepts payments in the form of cash, money order, and check. Discover, American Express, and MasterCard are also accepted (processing fee applies).