

Eligibility Criteria for Vaccines Supplied by the GA Immunization Program for Children, Adolescents, and Adults

The Georgia Immunization Program (GIP) manages vaccines funded by:

- the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program
- state and other federal sources.

The following tables indicate which vaccines:

- are available from the GIP
- should be given to VFC eligible children
- are state supplied and should be given to clients of all ages seen in Georgia public health clinics.

Children, adolescents, and adults with private insurance may receive state supplied vaccine if they meet the eligibility guidelines.

The intent of these tables:

- **IS NOT to determine which children, adolescents and/or adults should be immunized, but**
- **IS to define which groups can be immunized with VFC or state supplied vaccine.**

For specific vaccine guidelines refer to Section 2, Recommended Schedules and Guidelines, of the Georgia Immunization Program Manual (GIP). The vaccine must be provided at no cost to the patient, and administration fees are capped at \$14.81 per injection for both VFC and state-supplied vaccine. No client should be refused vaccination with state supplied or VFC vaccine due to inability to pay the administration fee. **If a client meets at least one eligibility criterion for each component of a combination vaccine** (e.g., Pediarix, Comvax, MMRV, Twinrix), they are eligible to receive that combination vaccine if the state supplies it.

Eligibility	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis vaccines	Hib vaccine	Influenza vaccine	Meningococcal vaccines
<p>Supplied for VFC eligible children: VFC eligibility criteria¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 0 through 18 years and • No insurance or • Underinsured or • Eligible for Medicaid or PeachCare or • American Indian or Alaska native 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children: DTaP---for children less than 7 years of age</p> <p>Td--- for children 7 years through 18 years of age</p> <p>Tdap---One dose of Boostrix for children 10 years through 18 years of age</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>One dose of Adacel for children 11 years through 18 years of age</p> <p>Pediatric DT---(VFC does not supply)</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children: 6 weeks through 4 years of age</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 through 59 months of age • High risk children 5 through 18 years of age (See Influenza Guidelines in the GIP Manual) • Healthy children and adolescents 5 through 18 years of age who are household members of persons in high-risk groups • Healthy children and adolescents 5 through 18 years of age whose parents wish them to be immunized against influenza 	<p>Menactra</p> <p>Yes: VFC eligible children 2 through 18 years of age</p> <p>Menomune-- VFC does not supply</p>
<p>Supplied by GIP for other groups seen in public health clinics?¹</p>	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one dose of Tdap for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or uninsured individuals 11-64 years of age • Td for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or uninsured individuals 7 years of age and older • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

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Eligibility	Hepatitis B vaccine ⁴	Hepatitis A vaccine ⁴	Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccine	Inactivated Polio vaccine
<p>Supplied for VFC eligible children:¹ VFC eligibility criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 0 through 18 years and • No insurance or • Underinsured or • Eligible for Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids or • American Indian or Alaska native 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children birth through 18 years of age</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children 12 months through 18 years of age</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children 12 months through 18 years of age</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children 6 weeks through 18 years of age</p>
<p>Supplied by GIP for other groups seen in public health clinics?¹</p>	<p>Yes, for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or uninsured individuals meeting one of the high risk criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men having sex with men • Illegal drug users • Persons seeking STD/HIV clinic services, including HIV testing and counseling and HIV care services • Individuals with multiple partners (more than 1 partner in 6 months) • Persons recently diagnosed with an STD • Homeless adults • Persons seeking Family Planning clinic services • Sexual partners of persons with acute or chronic hepatitis B virus infection • Household contacts of persons with acute and chronic HBV infection • Hemodialysis/transplant patients • Persons who began the series using state-supplied vaccine and still need to complete the series • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<p>Yes, for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or uninsured individuals 12 months of age or older meeting one of the high risk criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men having sex with men (MSM) • HIV-infected persons seeking HIV care services • American Indians and Alaska natives • Persons who began the series using state-supplied vaccine and still need to complete the series • Persons 12 mos. through 40 years of age (and persons over aged 40 years, if IG cannot be obtained) designated by district or state epidemiology personnel as eligible contacts to a documented case of hepatitis A disease⁵ • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<p>Yes, for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or uninsured individuals meeting one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons born in or after 1957 and who specifically request it • College students of any age • HIV-infected persons seeking HIV care services³ • Persons seeking Family Planning clinic services • Women of childbearing age who could become pregnant⁶ • Persons 19 years of age and older with negative serology results for measles, mumps, or rubella immunity • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<p>No</p>
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIP²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Public safety workers • Health care workers • Inmates • Staff of institutions for developmentally disabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Public safety workers • Health care workers • Inmates • Food handlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Health care workers • Inmates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers

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Eligibility	Pneumococcal vaccines	Varicella vaccine	Rotavirus Vaccine	IG
<p>Supplied for VFC eligible children:¹ VFC eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 0 through 18 years and • No insurance or • Underinsured or • Eligible for Medicaid or PeachCare or • American Indian or Alaska native 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCV (Pevnar) for children 6 weeks through 23 months of age • For ages 24-59 months, 1 dose of PCV for healthy children with any incomplete schedule. • For incompletely vaccinated children ages 24-59 months who have underlying medical conditions, 2 doses of PCV at least 2 months apart. • One dose of PPV (Pneumovax) for high risk children 2 years through 18 years 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children 12 months through 18 years of age are eligible for 2 doses of vaccine.</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children 6 weeks through 32 weeks of age</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Supplied by GIP for other groups seen in public health clinics?¹</p>	<p>Yes, for Medicaid, underinsured, or uninsured clients meeting one of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV-infected persons seeking HIV care services • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age (Refugee Health Program reimburses the Immunization Program for these doses). 	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A contacts who fall within specific guidelines. See "Vaccines to Prevent Hepatitis A" guidelines in the GIP Manual <p>To obtain IG, contact the Hepatitis Program Director at (404) 657-3171.</p>
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIP²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals wanting more than 2 documented doses of PPV • Individuals who have Medicare 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Pre-exposure vaccination for persons with occupational exposure

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Eligibility	HBIG	HPV ⁴		
<p>Supplied for VFC eligible children:¹ VFC eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 0 through 18 years and • No insurance or • Underinsured or • Eligible for Medicaid or PeachCare or • American Indian or Alaska native 	No	Yes; VFC eligible females 9 years through 18 years of age		
<p>Supplied by GIP for other groups seen in public health ?¹</p>	<p>Yes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants of HBsAg positive mothers, if HBIG was not received at birth in the hospital, and if it can be administered within 7 days of birth • Unvaccinated infants whose primary caregiver has acute hepatitis B • Persons not previously immunized with hepatitis B vaccine who have had recent sexual exposure (in the past 14 days) to a person who is acutely infected with the hepatitis B virus • Household contacts of any age in direct contact with the blood of an acutely infected person within 7 days of exposure <p>To obtain HBIG, contact the Hepatitis Program Director at (404) 657-3171.</p>	No		
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIP²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Persons exposed to needle sticks • Persons with occupational exposure 			

¹ Children aged 0 through 18 years of age who are in "refugee" status **and** meet VFC eligibility criteria are considered VFC eligible. Vaccine for adult refugee populations may be administered out of 317/State supplied stock using above guidelines. Medicaid should be billed for the administration fee only for vaccines given to refugees in the 19-20 year old age group. Reimbursement for vaccine administration for refugees aged ≥ 21 years of age will continue to be billed to and paid by the Refugee Health Program. (Note: US citizenship is not required to receive any federal or state-supplied vaccine.)

² Persons in these groups are not eligible to receive VFC or state-supplied vaccine as described above.

³ For guidance re: specific conditions, refer to "General Recommendations on Immunization," MMWR, December 1, 2006, Vol. 55, RR-15, **pg. 27**.

⁴ A person under 19 years of age who may have insurance but because of the circumstances for seeking services does not have access to that insurance coverage is uninsured for the purposes of the VFC program.

⁵ Such persons would be eligible for both doses of the hepatitis A vaccine series.

⁶ Women of childbearing age including premenopausal adult women. Because rubella can occur in some persons born before 1957 and because congenital rubella and congenital rubella syndrome can occur in the offspring of women infected with rubella virus during pregnancy, birth before 1957 is not acceptable evidence of rubella immunity for women who could become pregnant.