

BCDH Immunization & Mass Flu Clinics

10/03/20 Update:

All BCDH Immunization Clinic dates have been cancelled for 2020 and until further notice in 2021 due to the demands of the health department's COVID-19 response.

But don't delay ... Routine vaccination remains an essential preventive care service for children and adults (including pregnant women) that should not be postponed. Below you'll find information about the different ways to pay for & locate recommended vaccines.

How to Pay

(Source: www.vaccines.gov/get-vaccinated/pay)

Did you know that most health insurance plans cover recommended vaccines for both children and adults at little or no cost to you? And even if you don't have health insurance, you can still get vaccinated — and you may be able to do it for free or at low cost.

Below you'll find information about the different ways to pay for vaccines.

Private Health Insurance

What is private health insurance? It's any health insurance coverage that is offered by a private entity instead of a state or federal government. Most private health insurance plans are required to cover recommended vaccines without charging you. That means you can usually get vaccines at no cost to you. To find out what your plan covers, call the customer service number on the back of your insurance card.

Military Insurance or TRICARE

What is TRICARE? TRICARE is government-managed health insurance for uniformed service members, their dependents (family members they support), and retirees in all eight uniformed service branches. TRICARE covers recommended vaccines though some plans may charge copays or fees for getting vaccinated.

The eight (8) uniformed service branches include the US Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

For more information on TRICARE, go to: www.tricare.mil.

Medicare

What is Medicare? Medicare is a government health insurance program for US citizens age 65 years or older, certain young people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant.

Medicare has four (4) different parts:

- Part A – Hospital Insurance
- Part B – Medical Insurance for preventive care **including many vaccines**
- Part C or Medicaid Advantage (all-in-one private insurance alternatives to Parts A, B, &D)
- Part D – Prescription Drug Coverage **and possibly additional vaccines**

Some legal residents who have lived in the US for at least five consecutive years may qualify to pay for Parts B & D coverage when they turn 65.

Medicare Part B covers many vaccines at little or no cost to you. The costs may vary based on how you get your Medicare coverage, the vaccine, and whether the doctor you see accepts Medicare. Part B vaccines include: yearly influenza; hepatitis B; and pneumococcal (pneumonia PCV13, PPSV23).

Medicare Part D plans may cover other vaccines not covered by Part B though some plans may require copays or reimbursement claims. Part D vaccines may include: measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (Tdap); and zoster (shingles).

For more information, go to: www.Medicare.gov.

(Source: www.healthline.com/health/medicare/medicare-and-vaccines)

Medicaid & CHIP

What is Medicaid? Medicaid or Medical Assistance (MA) is a government insurance program for persons of all ages whose income and resources are insufficient to pay for health care. Medicaid covers all of the recommended vaccines for children and some vaccines for adults. Some plans may charge copays or fees for getting vaccinated, depending on what state you live in and the doctor you see to get vaccinated.

For more information on Medical Assistance:

- Contact the Bucks County Assistance Office at: 1-800-362-1291 Toll-Free
- Or go to: www.compass.state.pa.us.

What is CHIP? CHIP stands for Children's Health Insurance Program and provides health insurance to uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.

For more information, go to: www.chipcoverspakids.com.

Don't have health insurance?

You can get coverage through Pennie™, the new state-based health insurance marketplace for 2021 coverage. Pennie replaces HealthCare.gov, is available to all Pennsylvanians, and aims to improve the accessibility and affordability of individual market health coverage. It is also the only place that connects Pennsylvanians to financial assistance to reduce the cost of coverage and care.

Pennsylvanians can begin shopping for health and dental coverage through Pennie at the start of Open Enrollment on November 1, 2020. This year, Pennie extended the 2021 Open Enrollment Period which will run from November 1, 2020 through January 15, 2021. Pennsylvanians currently enrolled through HealthCare.gov will be transitioned to Pennie for their 2021 coverage.

For more information, go to: www.pennie.com.

Free and low-cost vaccines

If you don't have health insurance — or your plan's out-of-pocket costs for vaccines aren't affordable — you can still get vaccinated. There are ways to get vaccines for children and adults at a lower cost or for free. Here are some helpful resources.

Where to Go in Bucks County & Surrounding Counties

Residents with health insurance should see their primary care doctors for vaccination. Other sources of immunization services include local pharmacies, urgent care centers, travel vaccine clinics, and community health centers. When using other services, be sure to call ahead to ask about vaccine availability, age requirements, insurance requirements, and accepted forms of payment.

To locate other immunization services in Bucks County, use the Vaccine Finder Tool at: www.vaccines.gov/getting/where.

Low-Cost Community Clinics

Services provided at reduced cost based on eligibility. Residents with medical assistance may need to change their PCP designation in order to receive services.

Abington Jefferson Health's Children's Clinic

51 Medical Campus Dr

Lansdale, PA

P: 215-855-8296

F:

- Ages birth through 18 years
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.abingtonhealth.org/about-us/communitybenefit/abington-jefferson-health-clinics

Frankford Avenue Health Center (FQHC)

Part of Greater Philadelphia Health Action Inc.

4500-10 Frankford Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19124

P: 215-744-1302

F:

- All ages served
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.gphainc.org/services/medical

Norristown Regional Health Center (FQHC)

Part of Delaware Valley Community Health

1401 DeKalb St

Norristown, PA 19401

P: 610-278-7787

F:

- All ages served
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- dvch.org/locations/norristown-regional-health-center

St. Mary Adult Health Center

2546B Knights Rd

Bensalem, PA 19020

P: 215-633-8397

F:

- Ages 19 years & up
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.trinityhealthma.org/location/st-mary-adult-health-center

St. Mary Children's Health Center

2546 Knights Rd
Bensalem, PA 19020
P: 215-245-8873
F:

- Ages birth through 18 years
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.trinityhealthma.org/location/st-mary-childrens-health-center

Valley Health Partners Children's Clinic

Lehigh Valley Hospital
17th Street Campus Ste 403
Allentown, PA 18105
P: 610-969-4300
F:

- Ages birth through 18 years
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.valleyhealthpartners.org

VNA Children's Health Center

1421 Highland Ave
Abington, PA 19001
P: 215-572-7880
F:

- Ages birth through 18 years
- Appointments required
- Payment Options: insurance, self-pay
- www.vnacs.org/children-s-health-center

Additional Services

Lower Bucks Hospital Community Health Center

501 Bath Rd
Bristol, PA 19007
P: 215-785-9677
F:

- All ages served
- No appointments necessary
- Payment options: insurance, self-pay
- Office visits: \$75; additional charges for vaccines if not covered by insurance
- www.lowerbuckshosp.com/our-services/community-health-center

Passport Health & Wellness Center

847 Easton Rd Ste 2800

Warrington, PA 18976

P: 215-491-1111

F:

- All ages served
- Appointments required
- Payment options: self-pay only
- Office visits tbd ; additional charges for vaccines
- www.passporthealthusa.com/locations/pa/warrington/418

Penn Travel Medicine Bucks County

777 Township Line Rd

Yardley, PA 19067

P: 215-615-2584

F:

- All ages served
- Appointments required
- Payment options: tbd
- Office visits: tbd
- <https://www.pennmedicine.org/practices/travel-medicine-bucks-county>

Vickery Vaccine Services

1980 S Easton Rd #130

Doylestown, PA 18901

P: 267-477-1010

F:

- All ages served
- Appointments required
- Payment options: insurance self-pay
- Office visits: tbd
- www.vickeryvaccine.com