



**7-21
YEARS
OLD**

Early Periodic
Screening Diagnosis
Treatment (EPSDT)

When and how often do I need to schedule a screening?

Getting a screening at the right time is the best way to make sure your child continues to be healthy. There is no cost to you for these visits.

If your child is:

7-12
years

13-18
years

19-21
years

He or she needs a checkup every year.

These “birthday visits” are the best way to make sure your child continues to be healthy.

What happens after we see the doctor?

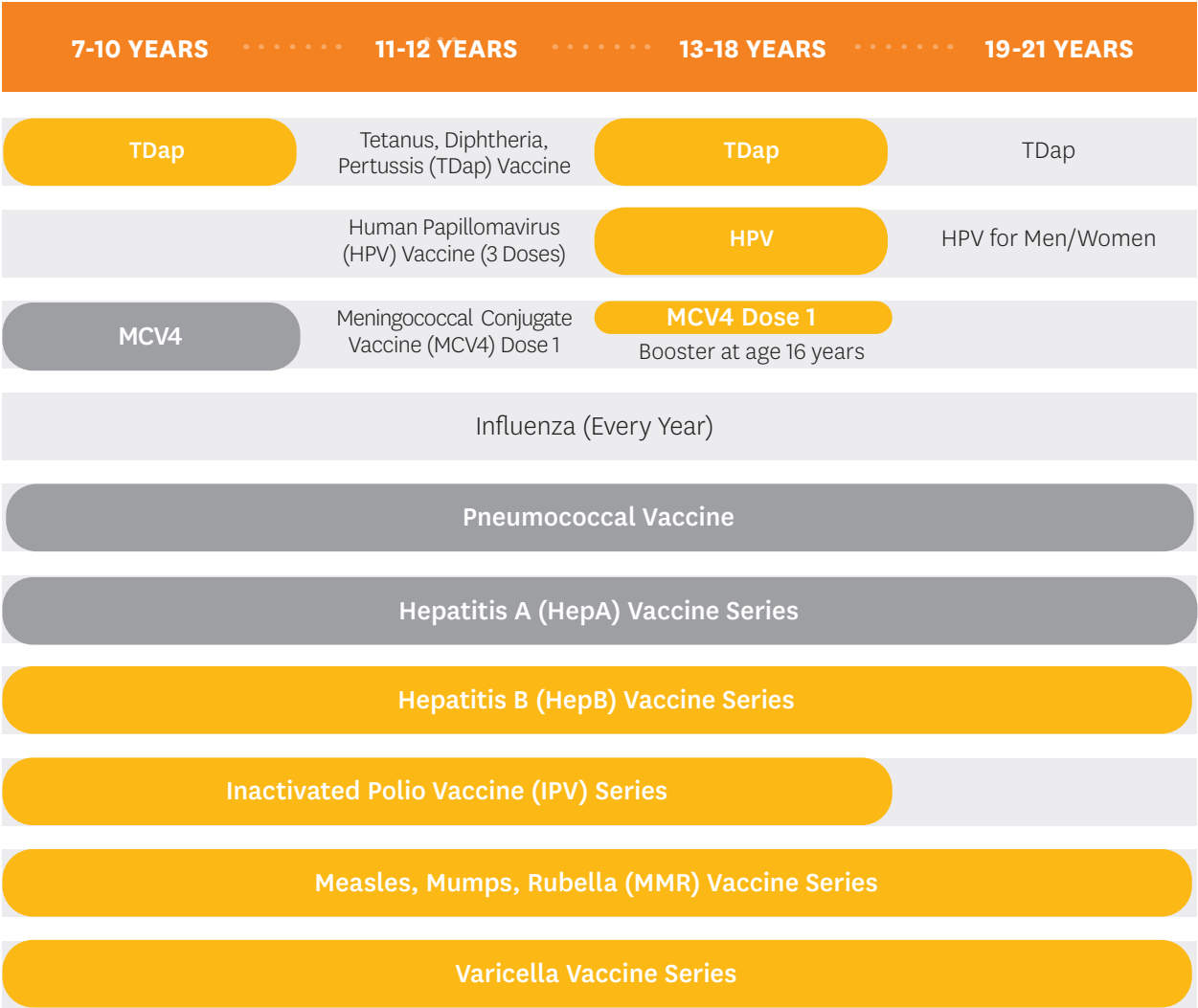
After the screening, the provider will help you understand the results. Here are steps that could be taken if the doctor finds a potential problem:

- For vision problems, your child could visit an eye doctor and get glasses.
- For hearing problems, your child could see a specialist and receive hearing aids.
- For problems that may require special attention, the provider will treat the issue. Or refer your child to a specialist.

Are vaccines safe?

Yes. Vaccines are very safe, and are important for children’s health. If you have questions about vaccines, please contact us or your healthcare provider.

Recommended Vaccines for Children/Adults from 7 Through 21 Years Old



Please consult your child’s doctor about appropriate doses and any additional vaccines that may be required.

- These shaded boxes indicate when the vaccine is recommended for all children/adults unless your doctor tells you that your child cannot safely receive the vaccine.
- These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine should be given if a child/adult is catching-up on missed vaccines.
- These shaded boxes indicate the vaccine is recommended for children/adults with certain health conditions that put them at high risk for serious diseases. Note that healthy children can get the HepA series.

What is Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis Treatment (EPSDT)?

EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and young adults receive preventive, dental, mental health, developmental, and specialty services.

EARLY: Treat problems soon

PERIODIC: Set up regular appointments

SCREENING: Check for a medical problem

DIAGNOSIS: Find a medical problem

TREATMENT: Care for a problem

Why are EPSDT screenings important?

Seeing your child's doctor regularly and caring for problems early could:

- Help the doctor get to know your child
- Help your child stay healthy as he or she grows
- Find health problems before they get worse
- Stop health problems that make it hard for your child to learn

How do I start?

Make an appointment with your child's doctor. Contact us to get help with:

- Finding a provider or dentist
- Setting up an appointment
- Arranging transportation
- Answering your questions about screenings or vaccines
- Talking with a case manager to help you find and get other services



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