

August Parent Newsletter

Immunization Awareness Month

The decision to vaccinate your child is important. There is a lot of information around vaccines, so we put together recommended resources that explain the essentials and benefits. Well-informed decisions lead to healthy and happy kids!

How Vaccines Work



This video is from the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition

Local Resources



[Boost Oregon](#)

Boost Oregon is a parent-led community that supports parents and the general public in learning about childhood vaccinations. They are a group of parents, doctors, nurses, naturopaths, midwives, doulas, and regular folks who want to give our children and our neighbors' children the best shot at a healthy life.

Boost Oregon offers [community-based education](#), [answers common concerns](#), and [hosts community workshops for parents](#).

Cascades West RideLine

The Cascades West RideLine's objective is to coordinate transportation services for eligible Oregon. Health Plan (OHP) and Medicaid clients traveling to and from covered non-emergency medical services.

A few things to know:

- The parent must accompany the child.
- Parents must provide and install their own booster and car seats.
- Parents must call and arrange the ride in advance, being sure to let Ride Line know how many children will be riding.
- The parent does not have to be on Medicaid. Other children in the home are also allowed to ride along whether they have an appointment or not.

This information provided by Cindy M D'angiollillo, a Registered Nurse based out of Corvallis, Oregon.

Vaccines For Children (VFC)

The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children ages 18 years or younger who meet at least one of the following requirements:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Medicaid-eligible
- Uninsured
- Underinsured

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National Resources

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

2018 Recommended Immunizations

The recommended immunization schedule is designed to protect infants and children early in life when they are most vulnerable and before they are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.



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