

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

The Georgia Immunization Office (GIO) 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 GIO
- 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 Office Manual (GIO). 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:</p> <p>DTaP--Children less than 7 years of age</p> <p>Tdap - Children 7 to 10 years with incomplete DTaP primary series may receive one dose</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>One dose for children 11 years through 18 years of age</p> <p>Td--- Children 7 years through 18 years of age</p> <p>Pediatric DT---(VFC does not supply)</p>	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 weeks through 4 years of age 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months through 18 years of age 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children:</p> <p>MCV4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with reduced immune response⁸ 2 through 18 years should receive 2 dose primary series (8 weeks apart) • Adolescents aged 11 through 18 years should receive one dose • Booster dose for children with reduced immune response⁷ every 5 years through 18 • One booster dose for eligible adolescents through 18 years
<p>Supplied by GIO for other groups seen in public health clinics¹</p>	<p>Yes, for adults 19 years or older</p> <p>Tdap- One dose for persons Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, underinsured, or uninsured individuals (special emphasis for postpartum mothers)</p> <p>Td - Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, or underinsured or uninsured individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	No	No	<p>Yes, for uninsured or underinsured college students 19 through 21 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One MCV4 primary dose if unvaccinated • One MCV4 booster dose if previous dose given at age younger than 16 years
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIO²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Health care workers • Inmates • Privately insured clients • Staff of institutions for developmentally disabled 			

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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 GIO for other groups seen in public health clinics¹</p>	<p>Yes, for individuals Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, underinsured, 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 and household contacts of persons with acute and chronic HBV infection (includes contacts to perinatal hepatitis B case investigations) ● Hemodialysis/transplant patients ● Diabetics (Type I or Type II) ● Persons who began the series using state-supplied vaccine and still need to complete the series (regardless of insurance status) ● Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age 	<p>Yes, for individuals Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, underinsured, 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 ● Female partners of MSM ● Persons who engage in sexual practices that could facilitate fecal-oral transmission of hepatitis A ● Person with chronic liver disease, including hepatitis C ● 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 (regardless of insurance status) ● Persons 19 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, underinsured, 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 who could become pregnant regardless of age ● Persons 19 years of age and older with negative serology results for measles, mumps, or rubella immunity ● Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age (Refugee Health Program funds the cost of vaccine) 	<p>No</p>
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIO²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International travelers ● Public safety workers ● Health care workers ● Staff of institutions for developmentally disabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International travelers ● Public safety workers ● Health care workers ● Food handlers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International travelers ● Health care workers ● Inmates 	

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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 for children 6 weeks through 23 months of age⁶ • Children 14 through 59 months of age completely vaccinated with PCV7 should receive a single dose of PCV 13 (for children with underlying medical conditions through 71 months of age) • For healthy children ages 24-59 months with any incomplete PCV schedule, 1 dose of PCV • For incompletely vaccinated children ages 24-59 months who have underlying medical conditions, 2 doses of PCV at least 2 months apart • Children aged 6--18 years with high risk conditions may be administered a single dose of PCV13 • One dose of PPSV (Pneumovax) for high-risk children 2 years through 18 years 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months through 18 years of age are eligible for 2 doses of vaccine 	<p>Yes: VFC eligible children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 weeks through 32 weeks of age 	<p>No</p>
<p>Supplied by GIO for other groups seen in public health clinics¹</p>	<p>Yes, for Medicare-covered, Medicaid-covered, underinsured, or uninsured individuals meeting one of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals 19 years of age and older with high-risk criteria. (See "Pneumococcal Vaccine Guidelines" in the GIP Manual) • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age ((Refugee Health Program funds the cost of vaccine) <p>State will only supply 2 doses of PPSV during a person's lifetime.</p>	<p>Yes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who began the series using state supplied vaccine (regardless of insurance status) • Refugees¹ ≥ 19 years of age (Refugee Health Program funds the cost of vaccine) 	<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 GIO²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals wanting more than 2 documented doses of PPSV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Healthcare workers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Pre-exposure vaccination for persons with occupational exposure

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Eligibility	HBIG	HPV	Zoster 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 or • American Indian or Alaska native 	No	<p>Yes: Routine vaccination for VFC eligible males and females</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either HPV4 or HPV2 for females 9 through 18 years of age • HPV4 for males 9 through 18 years of age 	No	
<p>Supplied by GIO for other groups seen in public health¹</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>	<p>Yes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Females and Males 19 through 26 years who began the series using VFC or state-supplied vaccine and still need to complete the series (regardless of insurance status) 	No	
<p>Groups NOT covered by VFC or GIO²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International travelers • Persons exposed to needle sticks • Persons with occupational exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults who request to begin HPV series 		

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, January 28, 2011, Vol. 60, RR-2.

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 PCV refers to Prevnar 7 and Prevnar 13.

⁷ For guidance re: specific conditions refer to “Updated Recommendation for Use of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines- ACIP 2010,” MMWR, January 28, 2011 Vol. 60, No.3, pg 72-76