Frequently Asked Questions

Regular visits to the doctor and staying current with recommended child vaccinations are important to keep your child healthy and protect them from serious diseases. The COVID-19 vaccine for children is safe and effective. The CDC states that everyone ages 6 months and older should get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Here are some steps to help you prepare for your child’s COVID-19 vaccination.

- **Make sure your child has health insurance and a primary doctor.** If your child needs health insurance and you want to learn about eligibility and applying for health coverage, see the information listed below.

- **Call your child's primary doctor and tell them you are planning to give your child the COVID-19 vaccination.** Ask the doctor any questions or talk to them about any concerns you may have.

- **Schedule your child's COVID-19 vaccine appointment with their doctor.** Ask if your child is caught up on all routine immunizations. Children can safely receive other vaccines the same day they receive their COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinations on-time for both routine immunizations and the COVID-19 vaccine is important because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to serious diseases.

- **Make sure to schedule any follow-up appointments that may be needed.** The COVID-19 vaccination and other immunizations require follow-up shots to offer full protection.

**Does your child need health insurance?**

Medi-Cal provides health care services to low-income individuals including families with children. **Find out if your child is eligible and apply** for Medi-Cal. If you do not qualify for Medi-Cal, you may qualify for a health plan through Covered California. For more information, you may go online or contact the local County office:

**Online** at www.MyBenefitsCalWIN.org

**By Phone** at 888-421-8080 from 7:30am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

**In person** Monday – Friday from 8am – 5pm

- Santa Cruz Location: 1020 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- Watsonville Location: 18 W. Beach Street, Watsonville CA 95076

If your child is already enrolled in Medi-Cal, contact the Medi-Cal office to make sure your contact information is up to date to continue receiving important information about your Medi-Cal coverage. You can contact the Medi-Cal office by phone, email, in person or go online, to report any changes.

For more detailed information visit santacruzhumanservices.org

santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus