Supporting Preventative Healthcare for Children
During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Thanks for joining us! We will begin shortly after 12 PM.
Housekeeping Notes

- You are automatically muted and your video is turned off
- Use the chat box to share questions, concerns, comments
- Ohio Approved Credit—you will receive a link via email to enter your OPIN afterward as long as you’re on for the full hour. Check your Junk Folder if you don’t see it by 2 PM. Please respond by Friday at 5 PM to receive your credit.
- All participants will receive a follow-up survey to provide feedback
Preventive Health Visits:
Still Important...Now More Than Ever!

Michele Dritz, MD, FAAP
Pediatrician & Adolescent Medicine Physician
Cornerstone Pediatrics
More evidence US childhood vaccinations are dropping amid coronavirus pandemic

By Arman Azad, CNN

Drop in vaccination rates leave children vulnerable to other diseases

The New York Times

Vaccine Rates Drop Dangerously as Parents Avoid Doctor’s Visits

Afraid of Covid-19, parents are postponing well-child checkups, including shots, putting millions of children at risk of exposure to preventable deadly diseases.
So Why Are Preventive Care Visits So Important?

- Monitor for healthy growth and development
- Catch potential development delays early
- Check vision, hearing, blood pressure and other important vitals
- Complete head-to-toe exam to pick up on important medical clues
- Screen for signs of anxiety, depression or risk for suicide
- Make sure kids are ready for sports participation, childcare attendance and school
- Monitor for risks such as substance use, vaping, bullying, STIs or violence
- Monitor chronic medical conditions and renew prescriptions and needed services
- Opportunity for family to ask important questions and address concerns
- Complete preventive health screening like labs if needed
- Opportunity for provider to offer guidance to support health and wellness
- Immunizations
Recommended Pediatric Preventive Care Visits

Birth 1 mo 2 mo 4 mo 6 mo 9 mo 12 mo
15 mo 18 mo 24 mo 30 mo 3 yr 4 yr 5 yr
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Prenatal Visits + Yearly Flu Vaccine

And immunizations supporting health along the way
And *everyone* needs them

Infants, babies and toddlers:
- Rapid development and monitoring for emerging concerns
- Keeping babies safe and anticipatory guidance for families
- Lots of family support
- Immunizations to protect against diseases that can effect them now or in the future

Teens and young adults:
- 2nd most rapid period of physical, brain, emotional, and social development — second only to infancy!
- Screening for risks and building resiliency skills
- Building healthy habits and skills to prepare for transition to adulthood
- Lots of family support
- Immunizations to protect against diseases that can effect them now or in the future

School-age children:
- Supporting school readiness and healthy habits
- Monitoring for emerging concerns
- Keeping kids safe
- Immunizations to protect against diseases that can effect them now or in the future

Adults:
- Monitor for emerging concerns
- Support healthy habits
- Immunizations to protect against diseases that can effect them now or in the future

Modeling the healthy habit of going to our OWN yearly well visit is an important role all parents play.
What We as Pediatricians are Doing to Keep You and Your Children Safe

Building Confidence:

- Increasing clinic cleanliness and infection-control procedures
- Revising clinic and screening protocols to protect you and your family from infection
- Preparing our waiting rooms and exam rooms for new ways of caring you and your family
- Implementing safe ways to keep healthy patients separate from those suffering from COVID-19
- Sending messages to families to say we are open for care and here to support

Building Capacity:

- Re-configuring appointment processes to help get families in for needed preventive care
- Making the most of EVERY visit to catch up on immunizations or preventive care
- Helping families understand that yearly well visits include all the parts of the sports physical – PLUS MUCH MORE!
- Optimizing appointment types to use telehealth when feasible AND visits in the clinic when necessary – like the recommended preventive care visits

And continuing to provide excellent clinical care each and every day
What the Ohio AAP is doing to keep all of Ohio’s babies, kids and teens healthy

http://ohioaap.org/covid19resources
Health for children during COVID-19
Suzanne Prescott
Early Childhood Director
prescotts@bcecs.org

Sheri Davis, RN
Health Manager
daviss@bcesc.org
Relationships are important:
- Health Departments
- Providers
- Health advisor/friend
Things to consider doing to help your children and families.
1. Consider Parent/Caregiver Perspective

PA4V (Ohio Parents Advocating for Vaccines)
Video resource

http://ohioaap.org/OhioPA4V-videos/
2. Call your local providers to discuss how they are dealing with well child visits.

How to find Federally Qualified Health Center:

3. Identify the children who you know you need to target. Examples:
- High medical risk
- Child behind on vaccinations
4. Use resources that you know are credible.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital

https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/family-resources-education/health-wellness-and-safety-resources/covid-19

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

ODH (Ohio Department of Health)
5. If you have a Head Start in your community, think about joining Health Advisory. The membership is who you need to be talking to, and topics are the same, all in one place.
Keeping Ohio Children & Families Healthy During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Kelly Vyzral
Senior Health Policy Associate

kvyzral@childrensdefense.org

May 28, 2020
Medicaid Access & Coverage – COVID-19

Pandemic has reached all 88 counties and at this moment surpassed over 1 million unemployment claims in 8 weeks. In response, Ohio must:

• Support new enrollments, ongoing coverage & services to Ohioans
• Prioritize services to protect children’s health & maintain public health
• Expand access in healthcare shortage areas of the state
• Focus on vulnerable populations
Medicaid/CHIP

- Eligibility
  - Individuals with low income (133% FPL)
  - Pregnant women, infants, and children (20x% FPL)
  - Youth in state custody and in the child welfare system (Bridges)
  - Individuals with disabilities
  - Certain categories of immigrants lacking documentation (e.g. refugees, asylees, etc.)

Source: https://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOR-OHIOANS/Programs/Healthchek
Enrolling in Medicaid/CHIP

• Eligibility
  • Individuals with low income (133% FPL)
  • Pregnant women, infants, and children (20x% FPL)
  • Youth in state custody and in the child welfare system (Bridges)
  • Individuals with disabilities
  • Certain categories of immigrants lacking documentation (e.g. refugees, asylees, etc.)

Source: https://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOR-OHIOANS/Programs/Healthchek
**Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)**

Critical service package for babies, kids, and young adults enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP

---

**HEALTHCHEK SERVICES ARE COVERED BY MEDICAID AND INCLUDE:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Preventive checkups for newborns, infants, and toddlers.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Healthcheck provides a robust list of benefits for babies and children:</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Age appropriate physical exams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Reviews of physical and mental development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Vision, dental, and hearing screenings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Nutrition checks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Developmental screenings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Laboratory tests for certain ages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Lead testing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Immunizations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Medically necessary follow-up care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Inpatient or outpatient hospital care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Clinic visits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Prescription drugs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✓ Health education</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

*Children’s Defense Fund Ohio*
Accessing Services

• MCO list of service providers
• County Healthchek Coordinators
• Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline (800) 324-8680
• Federally Qualified Health Care Centers
• School-based Health Care Centers/Medicaid in Schools programs
• Healthchek support services for making appointments, transportation and referrals to services for food, clothing and other needs
• COVID-19 Emergency telehealth rules
Community Health Centers

Ohio’s 56 Federally Qualified Health Centers and Community Health Centers provide high quality comprehensive care to more than 850,000 Ohioans across 400+ sites spread throughout 70 of the 88 counties.

• Many are open to all Ohioans regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

• Provide medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, vision and other needed supplemental services

• During the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Health Centers are serving patients in person and/or via telehealth, as well as other safe innovative ways such as drive-through care or curbside services.

• CARES Act Provided $40.7M to CHCs
Transition Age Youth

• Youth between the ages of 18 and younger than 26 who aged out of foster care on their 18th birthday

• Eligible for Medicaid through age 26 regardless of income

• Ohio will cover cost of youth in foster care through the public health emergency

• Youth can remain the Bridges program through the public health emergency.
Emergency Medicaid

• Available for individuals lacking insurance coverage

• Provides for emergency services to individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid

• Does not require a SSN or ID to qualify and potentially could provide services to undocumented children and families

https://medicaid.ohio.gov/FOR-OHIOANS/Programs#623547-non-us-citizens
Next Steps

• Download the toolkit and share (link in chat box)
• Join us for tomorrow’s panel discussion with Congressman Stivers and Senator Kunze (link in chat box)
• Connect with your policymakers to elevate the importance of investments in early learning and health (Child care action--link in chat box)
THANK YOU!
The recording and resources will be available at www.GroundworkOhio.org/covid19webinars later today!