

Childhood Immunizations are Critical to Outbreak Prevention:

- Ensuring the delivery of newborn and well-child care, including childhood immunization, requires altered strategies during this pandemic
- Slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases our risk to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases
- Immunizing the youngest children should remain a top priority
- The benefits of bringing well children in for immunizations should be weighed against the risk of exposing them to ill children and adults



Strategies to Consider to Ensure On-Time Immunizations:

- Limit well visits to early in the day, saving sick visits for the afternoon
- Separate patients spatially; place sick patients in different physical location from well patients
- Dedicate specific rooms and staff for sick visits and well visits
- Perform the history and anticipatory guidance portions of the visit via telehealth and bring patients to the office for shorter examination and immunizations visits
- Consider drive-through immunizations if full well-child care cannot be provided
- Prioritize immunization visits for children ages 24 months and younger if the clinic has limited capacity
- Refer children to local health departments for immunizations if the clinic does not have capacity
- Ensure all strategies comply with vaccine storage and handling requirements
- Remember to enter all immunizations into the patient's record in the Tennessee Immunization Information System (TennIIS)



For the most up-to-date information:

- Guidance may change as we learn more. Please check <http://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov> for the most up-to-date guidance about COVID-19
- Learn more at CDC's COVID-19 website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov