

Immunizations and Vaccines for Adults

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 President's Budget Request: +\$317 million

Investments will continue CDC's work to implement a strong national vaccine infrastructure that expands vaccine programs, public health messaging, and data systems. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and the proposed Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program will support systems and strategies for hard-to-reach and vaccine hesitant populations.

SPOTLIGHT ON IMPACT



As of March 2023, **967,430,045** COVID-19 vaccine doses have been delivered in the United States.



During the 2022-2023 influenza season, **173,020,000** doses of influenza vaccine were distributed.



The proposed VFA program would provide routine vaccines to up to **24,000,000** uninsured adults (ages 19-64).

FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

The \$317 million increase to the immunization infrastructure, along with mandatory funding for VFC, will support ongoing needs of the immunization program, including building our preparedness infrastructure for the next public health emergency. To date, the planning and preparation for COVID-19 vaccine administration has been supported by COVID-19 supplemental funding. CDC will continue to support the prevention of vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) by increasing vaccination coverage rates and helping to control respiratory diseases, including influenza. CDC will also work to increase vaccine uptake and confidence while aiming to improve equitable access through the proposed VFA program.

FY 2024 KEY OBJECTIVES

How CDC Makes a Difference

- Supports 64 state and local health departments to use data to identify communities at risk for significant increases in VPDs
- Provides technical assistance to states and local communities responding to VPD investigations, including outbreaks
- Promotes the importance of vaccination and science-based information through social and digital platforms, partnerships, and healthcare providers
- Promotes vaccine confidence and uptake through programs including Partnering for Vaccine Equity
- Provides laboratory support and resources

Focus on 3 Critical Immunization Areas

- National, state, and local immunization program operations
- Vaccine purchase, administration, and provider reimbursement
- Multicomponent vaccine confidence strategy to prevent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases

Advance Health Equity

- Build vaccine confidence
- Leverage existing vaccine equity programs to reach people with historically low vaccine uptake
- Build on the success of the VFC program to assure access to vaccines across the lifespan
- Improve access to vaccines through direct funding to states for the proposed VFA program

Objectives of Proposed VFA Program

- **Fill Vaccine Gaps:** Only 20% of adults 19 and older have received all recommended vaccines
- **Provide Access:** 24 million adults (ages 19-64) are uninsured, an important predictor of low vaccine uptake
- **Address Health Equity:** Low vaccination rates among adults in racial and ethnic minority groups are even lower for those without insurance
- **Strengthen Preparedness:** Vital infrastructure is needed to respond to VPD outbreaks, including measles, polio, COVID-19, and influenza
- **Reduce Toll of VPDs:** Sustained support for routine immunizations will limit spread of VPDs, reducing hospitalizations, deaths, and costs to the health care system

