# Maryland
### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Frequently Asked Questions:
# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Childhood Vaccinations

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**What is the concern about childhood vaccinations now?**
During the COVID-19 pandemic, parents have done everything they can to keep their children safe.  As a result, pediatric visits have been missed, along with important vaccinations. While there is no vaccine for COVID-19 yet, there are many vaccinations available to keep your child safe from many other serious illnesses.

**Should I be concerned about taking my child to get a vaccination?**
Health care providers are doing many things to make their offices as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you want to know what your child's provider is doing to keep you and your child safe during a visit to their office, you can call them to find out and ask any questions you may have.

**How can I know what vaccinations my child needs?**
You can check your child's vaccination records by contacting your health care provider. You can also view your child's vaccination records at MD.MyIR.net, Maryland's free and secure online portal for vaccination records.

**How important is it for me to get my child's vaccinations now?  Can't it wait?**
Vaccinations are a vital part of maintaining your child's health and well-being. Without up-to-date vaccinations, your child could get sick from serious diseases like measles, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough) and many others. Many children have missed their vaccinations due to concerns about COVID-19. Children need to be vaccinated before they are potentially exposed. Now is the right time to bring your child's vaccinations up to date to protect your child.

**What if my child does not have a regular health care provider or insurance?**
There are several ways you can find a health care provider or insurance for your child.
1. To learn about resources in your community, contact the local health department in your county https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/health-departments.aspx
2. To locate a community health center near you, visit https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/
3. If you need insurance, visit https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/ for assistance.
4. To find a pediatrician near you, visit https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/find-pediatrician/Pages/Pediatrician-Referral-Service.aspx