

A Message from Broome County Health Department



Greetings, school community members. You have probably heard a lot about measles in the news lately. You may be unsure if your child is protected. The good news is, the MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps, and rubella. Two doses of MMR are 97% effective against measles.

MMR has been a routine childhood vaccine for decades. The first dose is usually given around age 1 and the second is given around age 5. MMR is required to attend school and early childcare programs in New York State.

If your child is not fully vaccinated and you are concerned about the cost of getting vaccines, you need not worry. Vaccines for Children, or VFC, is a program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who:

- Have Child Health Plus
- Have Medicaid
- Are uninsured
- Are underinsured
- Are of Native American/ Native Alaskan heritage

Most healthcare providers and pediatricians in Broome County are already part of the VFC program including:

- Broome Pediatrics
- Cornerstone Federally Qualified Health Center
- Endwell Family Physicians
- Guthrie Lourdes - most practices
- Tier Pediatrics
- UHS - most practices and school-based health centers

If your child needs a vaccine, call their healthcare provider and make a vaccine appointment. If your child does not have a primary care provider or their provider does not participate in VFC and you need this program, call Broome County Health Department's Immunization Clinic at (607) 778-2839.

News of measles cases rising may be scary. But you have the power to protect your family and we're here to help you do it.