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***PROVIDER UPDATE***

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To: IMCare Providers  
From: Shelley McCauley, Quality Director  
Date: June 19, 2020  
RE: Pediatric Vaccination and C&TC Visits During COVID-19

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IMCare would like to remind providers of the following information about C&TC visits and vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **For children age 24 months or younger**

DHS and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommend continuing in-person C&TC visits for children 24 months or younger to receive necessary immunizations and other screenings.

If a practice is unable to provide a C&TC visit to a child aged 24 months or younger (for example, a caregiver in the home is positive for COVID-19 or does not feel comfortable coming into the office), providers may complete components of the visit via telemedicine (for example, history, anticipatory guidance, vaccine counseling and developmental screening) based on their clinical judgment.

**For children older than 24 months**

Providers may perform condensed C&TC visits using telemedicine. Providers will need to use their clinical judgment as to which components of the C&TC service are appropriate to be performed during the telemedicine visit, and payment will reflect only those completed components per the MHCP Fee Schedule.

The Department of Health (MDH) and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have provided interim guidance to ensure that vaccinations continue during the pandemic to prevent the risk of other disease outbreaks, especially for infants who are at high risk of getting vaccine-preventable diseases.

Pediatric Vaccination During Covid-19

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/immunize>

## Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic

<https://www.immunize.org/cdc/cdc-interim-vaccination-guidance-during-a-pandemic.pdf>

Information is changing rapidly, please continue to monitor provider updates and our website for the most accurate, up to date information. If you have questions, please reach out or encourage members to reach out, to our call center at 218-327-6188, toll-free at 1-800-843-9536 or email [imcare.office@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:imcare.office@co.itasca.mn.us).