



## Well Visit and Vaccine Reminders to School Aged Children

Dreaming of a return to in-person schooling for your children or a summer family vacation?

Things are looking better for 2021. The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines is encouraging and will save lives. Vaccination has never been more important to protect our families and communities.

Now is the time to get your children caught up on routine immunizations they may have missed during the pandemic or are due for this year. **It's time to call your pediatrician or family doctor's office to schedule a yearly checkup for your child.**

In 2020, it was "stay home to stay safe". In 2021, clinics are safe, sanitized and socially distant. Medical offices have taken protective measures to make sure that visits can happen safely, including:

- Scheduling sick visits and well-child visits during different times of the day
- Asking patients to remain outside until it's time for their appointment to reduce the number of people in waiting rooms
- Offering sick visits and well-child visits in different locations

**A safer return to school means vaccinating your child/children this spring with all recommended vaccines.** Preteens especially need to receive their recommended vaccines. Children ages 9-12 are due for four vaccines to protect against diphtheria, HPV-related cancers, meningitis, tetanus, and whooping cough.

Call to schedule a well child appointment today. For more information, visit:

<https://scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/early-childhood-health/how-often-should-my-child-get-routine-checkup>