

Vaccines for Adults Program Overview

The Iowa Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program is operated by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS). The VFA Program aims to increase adult vaccination rates and decrease disparities in immunization coverage by providing no-cost vaccine for uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years of age and older.

VFA VACCINES

VFA program vaccines are purchased with limited federal and state funds. The following vaccines are currently available through the program:

- COVID-19
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal
- Polio
- Pneumococcal
- RSV
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)
- Varicella

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR VFA VACCINES

Adults 19 years of age and older who are:

- Uninsured - Has no health insurance
- Underinsured - Has insurance that does not cover vaccines (eligible only for the specific vaccine that insurance does not cover), caps prevention services (eligible after cap is reached), or does not provide first-dollar coverage for vaccines (first-dollar means coverage of ACIP recommended vaccines without cost sharing to the patient)

VFA PROVIDERS

To participate in the VFA program, providers must:

- Be a local public health agency
- Have the capacity to serve as a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults
- Be enrolled in the Iowa Immunization Registry (IRIS)
- Agree to comply with program requirements outlined in the VFA Provider Agreement and VFA Operations Guide