

Well-Child Visits

It is important for all children to attend well-child visits and receive scheduled vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccines prevent measles, mumps, polio, hepatitis and other preventable viral infections. These services are especially important for newborns and children under the age of two.



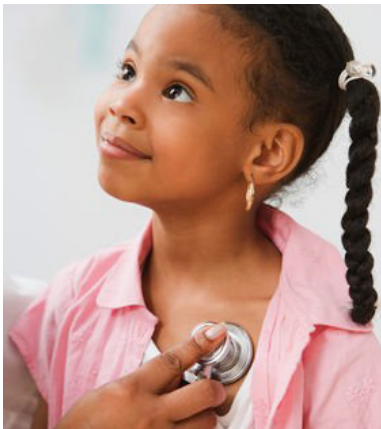
Newborn visits check important things like:

- Your baby's weight
- Your baby's feeding
- Jaundice

Visits at 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months are important to:

- Check physical growth
- Check brain growth
- Track milestones
- Get vaccinations
- Screen for lead in blood

To ensure access to care during the COVID-19 pandemic, Healthy Connections Medicaid is covering well-child visits and screenings through telehealth for Medicaid members. However, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services supports the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) recommendation that well-child visits for children under age two receive in-person care, when possible.



Visits for children older than two years of age:

- Should be held according to schedule
- May be completed through telehealth, check with your pediatrician
- If you use telehealth, a follow-up, in-person visit and any vaccination should be scheduled as soon as possible
- Four and 11-year olds should still receive important vaccines, even if the well-visit is held via telehealth

Many South Carolina pediatric offices have made changes to protect patients and families including:

- Shifting timing for well and sick visits
- Changing the office design or location depending on the type of visit
- Allowing curbside visits for certain services
- Offering well-care visits through telehealth

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