

Mayo Clinic Minute: Catching up on childhood vaccinations

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	It's been a year of uncertainty, and that's caused a lag in scheduled childhood and adolescent vaccinations.
Tina Ardon, M.D. Family Medicine Mayo Clinic	"We know that with the challenges with the pandemic last year that a lot of kids fell behind on their routine vaccinations. So, we are doing our best to make sure our patients can get back in and get those vaccines up to date."
	Chickenpox, tetanus, HPV, measles, mumps and rubella are a few of the important immunization series that prevent kids from getting sick.
	"I'm really thoughtful about the fact that as you move into school and we see lots of changes with mitigation efforts and masking depending on where someone lives, we're going to encounter other potential viruses and illnesses as well. Prevention is always important to us in primary care."
	And that also applies to the COVID-19 vaccine for older kids.
	"We are also taking the opportunity to encourage our patients to receive the COVID-19 vaccination if they are 12 and older, as this is a safe and effective vaccine for those kids."
	Talk to your health care provider to learn more about what vaccinations your child needs.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Jason Howland.