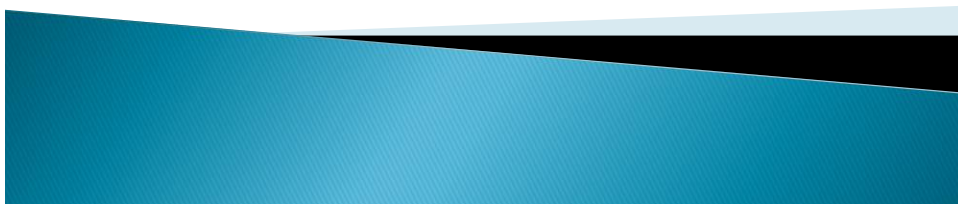




Nebraska Infection
Control Network

Resident Safety and Vaccination

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Learning Outcomes

- ▶ Examine a community's vaccination program and discuss the challenges, barriers and lessons learned
- ▶ Understand the elements of a TB Screening Program; including risk assessment process and operationalizing a screening program



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CDC Recommended Adult Vaccine Schedule

Table 1 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2025

Vaccine	19–26 years	27–49 years	50–64 years	≥65 years
COVID-19	1 or more doses of 2024–2025 vaccine (See Notes)			2 or more doses of 2024–2025 vaccine (See Notes)
Influenza inactivated (IV3, cIV3) Influenza recombinant (RV3)	1 dose annually			1 dose annually (45–64, 65+, or at all ages preferred)
Influenza inactivated (IV3) HD–IV3 Influenza recombinant (RV3)	Solid organ transplant (See Notes)			1 dose annually (45–64, 65+, or at all ages preferred)
Influenza live, attenuated (LAIV3)	1 dose annually			
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Seasonal administration during pregnancy (See Notes)			80 through 74 years (See Notes) ≥75 years
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap or Td)	1 dose Tdap each pregnancy; 1 dose Td/Tdap for wound management (See Notes)			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	1 dose Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years			For health care personnel (See Notes)
Varicella (VZV)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication (If born in 1957 or later)			For health care personnel (See Notes)
Zoster recombinant (RZV)	2 doses for immunocompromising conditions (See Notes)			2 doses
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 or 3 doses depending on age at initial vaccination or condition	27 through 45 years		
Pneumococcal (PCV15, PCV20, PCV21, PPV20)				See Notes
Hepatitis A (HepA)				See Notes
Hepatitis B (HepB)				2, 3, or 4 doses depending on vaccine
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)				2, 3, or 4 doses depending on vaccine or condition
Meningococcal B (MenB)				1 or 2 doses depending on indication (See Notes for booster recommendations)
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	19 through 23 years			2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine and indication (See Notes for booster recommendations)
Moraxella catarrhalis (MCAT)				1 or 3 doses depending on indication
Mumps				2 doses
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)	Complete 3-dose series if incompletely vaccinated. Self-report of previous doses acceptable (See Notes)			

Recommended vaccination for adults who meet age requirement, lack documentation of vaccination, or lack evidence of immunity
Recommended vaccination for adults with an additional risk factor or another indication
Recommended vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making
No Guidance/Not Applicable

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CDC Recommended Adult Vaccine Schedule– Resource

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/immunization-schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>

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CDC Pneumonia Vaccine Schedule

Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults

Make sure your patients are up to date with pneumococcal vaccination.

Adults ≥50 years old

Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20 or PCV21	PCV15 → ≥1 year → PPSV23†
PPSV23 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20 or PCV21	→ ≥1 year → PCV15
PCV13 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20 or PCV21	NO OPTION B
PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at ≥65 yrs	→ ≥5 years → PCV20 or PCV21	

* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines

† PPSV23 is not available; PCV20 or PCV21 may be used

‡ Consider minimum interval (8 weeks) for adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or cerebrospinal fluid leak (CSF) leak

§ For adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or CSF leak, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is at least 8 weeks since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose; for others, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥1 year since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose

Shared clinical decision-making for those who already completed the series with PCV13 and PPSV23

Prior vaccines	Shared clinical decision-making option for adults ≥65 years old
Complete series: PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at ≥65 yrs	→ ≥5 years → PCV20 or PCV21 Together, with the patient, vaccine providers may choose to administer PCV20 or PCV21 to adults ≥65 years old who have already received PCV13 (but not PCV15, PCV20, or PCV21) at any age and PPSV23 at or after the age of 65 years old.

www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/index.html



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Pneumonia Prevention Vaccines

In the United States, there are 2 types of vaccines recommended to help prevent pneumococcal disease:

- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCVs)
 - PCV15
 - PCV20
 - PCV21
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
 - PPSV23

Each of these vaccines helps protect against specific serotypes, or strains, of pneumococcal bacteria. The number at the end of the vaccine name tells how many serotypes the vaccine includes.

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CDC Pneumonia Vaccine Schedule-Resource

<https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/downloads/Vaccine-Timing-Adults-JobAid.pdf>



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Resident Vaccine Program

	
Arranges external source for mass vaccine clinic	Community Infection Preventionist
Obtains standing order annually from medical director for vaccines (influenza, COVID)	Tracks all SNF/LTC residents vaccine status
Ensures vaccine consents are signed by resident/resident representative	Obtains individual orders for pneumonia vaccines
Ensures documentation is completed in EMR post mass vaccine clinic	Reports vaccine status monthly at QAPI
Liaison with pharmacy for any vaccine purchase	Ensures all data is reported timely
Ensures documentation is sent to billing when we have provided vaccine	Monitors outbreak trends



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Newport House Vaccine Program

- ▶ Previously– in house mass vaccine program (community purchasing vaccine from pharmacy, administering, and billing)
- ▶ Now– utilize external company to provide mass immunizations to long term care residents, will additionally vaccinate employees with insurance
- ▶ Order individual vaccines for SNF residents



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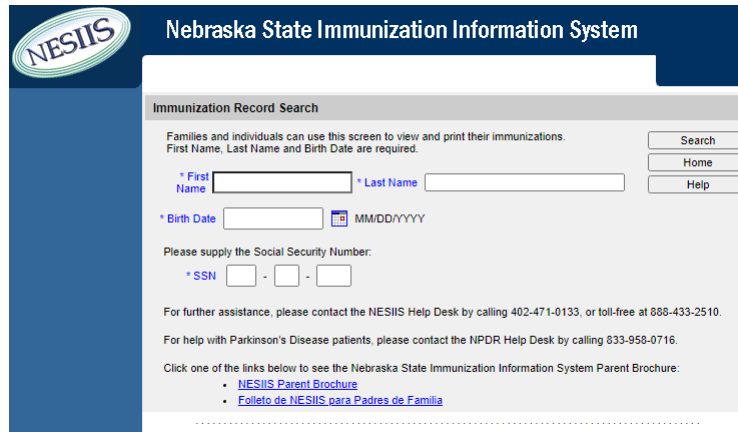
Vaccination Status of New Admit

- ▶ How to find most updated vaccination information
 - Hospital record
 - CyncHealth
 - Contact PCP Office
 - Ask resident/family
 - NESIIS



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Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS)



NESIIS Nebraska State Immunization Information System

Immunization Record Search

Families and individuals can use this screen to view and print their immunizations. First Name, Last Name and Birth Date are required.

* First Name * Last Name

* Birth Date MM/DD/YYYY

Please supply the Social Security Number:

* SSN - -

For further assistance, please contact the NESIIS Help Desk by calling 402-471-0133, or toll-free at 888-433-2510.

For help with Parkinson's Disease patients, please contact the NPDR Help Desk by calling 833-958-0716.

Click one of the links below to see the Nebraska State Immunization Information System Parent Brochure:

- [NESIIS Parent Brochure](#)
- [Folleto de NESIIS para Padres de Familia](#)

Search Home Help

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Documenting Vaccine History in EMR

Resident: Tester, Tester (11522)

New Immunization

Immunization:

Full Vaccine Name:

Given:

Education Provided To Resident/Family: ☒

Date Education Provided:

Education Provided By:

Date and Time of Administration:

Route of Administration:

Amount Administered:

Location Given:

Manufacturer's Name:

Substance Expiration Date:

Lot Number:

Administered By:

Notes:

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Resident Immunization Status At A Glance– PCC

Immun	Orders	Vitals/Vitals	Results	MDS	Assmnts	Therapy	Prog Note	Care Plan	Tasks	Care Pathways	Misc	Inbound
Immunization												Date Given
Influenza												10/12/2023
Influenza												10/19/2022
Influenza												10/7/2021
Influenza												10/1/2020
TB 2 Step Mantoux Skin Test (Step 2)												3/20/2021
TB 2 Step Mantoux Skin Test (Step 1)												3/10/2021
Varicella Zoster (shingles)												10/1/2020
Tdap												3/4/2021
Pneumo-PCV13(Prevnar 13)												7/13/2020
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23)												12/5/2018
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) (Dose 2)												3/18/2021
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) (Dose 1)												2/18/2021
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)												5/9/2023
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)												9/29/2022
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)												5/6/2022
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)												11/18/2021
Arexvy												10/13/2023
SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) - Moderna Fall 2023												9/21/2023

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Immunization Status Reports from EMR– PCC

PointClickCare

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Immunization Report - Report Setup

Report Options

Resident Number: Leave blank for all residents
Resident: Clear
Unit: All Clear
Floor: All
Status: Current
Sort By: Resident Name
 Administered Date
Report Output Format: PDF

Immunization Details

☒ Type of Immunization

☐ Consent Status
Date Range: to
☐ Education Provided to Resident/Family
☐ Administered By
☐ Include Struck out Immunization

☒ SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)
☒ Diphtheria
☒ H1N1
☒ Hepatitis B
☒ Influenza
☒ Meningitis
☒ Pneumo-PCV13(Prevnar 13)
☒ Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23)
☒ Pneumovax Dose 1
☒ Pneumovax Dose 2
☒ Pneumovax Dose 3
☒ PPD
☒ Prevnar 13
☒ PREVNAR 20
☒ SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19)
☒ Shingrix Dose 1
☒ Shingrix Dose 2
☒ TB 1 Step Mantoux (PPD)
☒ TB 2 Step Mantoux Skin Test
☒ Td
☒ Tdap
☒ Tetanus
☒ Varicella (chicken pox)
☒ Varicella Zoster (shingles)

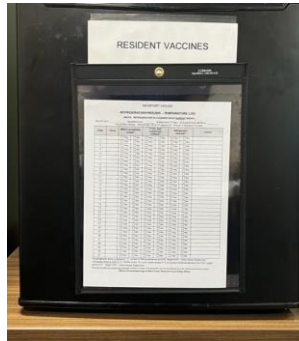
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Storing Vaccines

- ▶ Designate a specific refrigerator for vaccines
 - Continuous temperature monitoring



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Basic Strategies to the prevention and control of TB

- ▶ Identify and treat
- ▶ Contact investigation
- ▶ Screening populations at high risk for TB

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TB in NE Update

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Alert Network

Update
2/14/2025
Tuberculosis in Nebraska

Nebraska reported 34 tuberculosis cases in 2023 and provisional data shows 41 Tuberculosis (TB) cases in 2024. Although Nebraska maintains a low incidence for TB, the 41 cases do represent a 20-year high.

Since early 2024, counties around Kansas City, Kansas have been affected by a TB outbreak. As of January 31, 2025, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is reporting 67 patients have been identified with active TB as part of this outbreak. Furthermore, 70 patients have been confirmed with latent TB. No recent Nebraska TB cases have been linked to the Kansas TB outbreak.

Background:
TB is spread through the air when a person with active disease coughs, speaks, or sings, and TB bacteria are expelled into the air where the germs can linger for several hours before another person breathes in the air. Crowded spaces or places with poor ventilation help to facilitate TB transmission.

Active: People with active TB disease usually have one or more symptoms. TB is infectious when a person with active disease of the lung or throat is symptomatic or when they have TB sputum. TB is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Symptoms of TB may include a bad cough that lasts three weeks or longer, pain in the chest, or coughing up blood or sputum (phlegm) from deep inside the lungs. Fever, chills, sweating at night, weight loss, lack of appetite, weakness or fatigue may also be seen in active TB disease. Medicines need to be given for approximately six to nine months to cure TB.

Latent: People with latent TB are infected with TB bacteria but do not have any symptoms and cannot spread TB. However, if these bacteria become active and multiply, latent TB infection can develop into TB disease which may spread from person to person.

Since 2021, TB cases and incidence rates have been rising regionally. Genotyping is performed on laboratory culture confirmed TB cases to allow for thorough contact investigations.

Clinician Recommendations:

- Please consider active TB disease as a possible diagnosis for people who have symptoms consistent with TB disease. Asymptomatic people who reports exposure to someone with TB or are at high risk for TB (either because of their exposure risks or weakened immune system due to certain medications or health conditions) should be evaluated for latent TB.

- DHHS encourages patients with active TB disease to be managed by an infectious disease health care provider. Local health departments provide directly observed therapy services, case management, and oversee the TB contact investigation for patients with active disease. With adequate treatment, most patients with TB will recover and be cured.
- Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG vaccine) is a TB vaccine generally not recommended for Nebraskans. People planning to travel overseas are encouraged to check with travel clinics if BCG would be needed for their travel.
- Latent TB is not reportable in Nebraska. Treatment for patients with Latent TB is strongly encouraged to prevent the development of active TB disease.

Testing and Lab Recommendations:

- Health care providers are encouraged to test for TB in patients who are symptomatic, have risk factors or have history of contact to someone with TB. It is helpful to inquire about country of birth, time spent in countries outside the US (including overseas travel), and history of working or living in healthcare or congregate settings (especially in areas where TB is more common), when assessing exposure risk factors.
- Labs should continue to submit *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex isolates to Nebraska Public Health Laboratory for genotyping and drug susceptibility testing if not done through the originating lab.

Please reach out to the TB Program for more information by calling 402-471-6441.

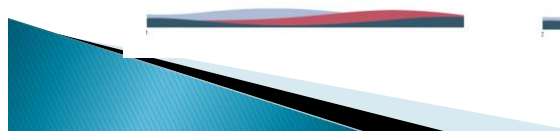
Other resources:

- Financial assistance is available through the Nebraska DHHS for patients who meet eligibility qualifications. Please refer to the TB Program website for specific qualifications: [TB Program Application or Tuberculosis TB Cycle Assistance Information](#).
- Please direct TB questions, education needs, or reporting to your local health department. Nebraska local health department information is available at [Local Health Departments](#).

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TB Risk Assessment

- ▶ Complete a yearly risk assessment
 - CDC TB Risk Assessment Worksheet (Appendix B)
- ▶ Verify risk with DHHS– Health Department
 - Review Tuberculosis in NE Annual Report
 - <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Tuberculosis.aspx>



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Tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment worksheet

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Division of Tuberculosis Elimination

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Appendix B. Tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment worksheet

This model worksheet should be considered for use in performing TB risk assessments for health-care facilities and nontraditional facility-based settings. Facilities with more than one type of setting will need to apply this table to each setting.

Scoring ✓ or Y = Yes X or N = No NA = Not Applicable

1. Incidence of TB




What is the incidence of TB in your community (county or region served by the health-care setting), and how does it compare with the state and national average? What is the incidence of TB in your facility and specific settings and how do those rates compare? (Incidence is the number of TB cases in your community the previous year. A rate of TB cases per 100,000 persons should be obtained for comparison.)* This information can be obtained from the state or local health department.	Community rate _____ State rate _____ National rate _____ Facility rate _____ Department 1 rate _____ Department 2 rate _____ Department 3 rate _____
Are patients with suspected or confirmed TB disease encountered in your setting (inpatient and outpatient)?	Yes No
If yes, how many patients with suspected and confirmed TB disease are treated in your health-care setting in 1 year (inpatient and outpatient)? Review laboratory data, infection-control records, and databases containing discharge diagnoses.	Year No. patients Suspected Confirmed 1 year ago _____ 2 years ago _____ 5 years ago _____
If no, does your health-care setting have a plan for the triage of patients with suspected or confirmed TB disease?	Yes No

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CDC TB Screening of HCP

Health Care Personnel (HCP) Baseline Individual TB Risk Assessment

HCP should be considered at increased risk for TB if any of the following statements are marked "Yes":

 Temporary or permanent residence of ≥1 month in a country with a high TB rate	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and those in Northern Europe or Western Europe	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
OR	
 Current or planned immunosuppression, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, organ transplant recipient, treatment with a TNF-α inhibitor (e.g., infliximab, etanercept, or other), chronic steroids (equivalent of prednisone ≥15 mg/day for ≥1 month) or other immunosuppressive medication	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
OR	
 Close contact with someone who has had infectious TB disease since the last TB test	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Abbreviations: HCP, health care personnel; TB, tuberculosis; TNF, tumor necrosis factor. Individual risk assessment information can be useful in interpreting TB test results (see Lowenthal DS, Leonard MK, Lubitz PR, et al. Official American Thoracic Society/Infectious Diseases Society of America/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Clinical Practice Guidelines: Diagnosis of tuberculosis in adults and children. Clin Infect Dis 2017;64:111–13). Adapted from: Risk assessment form developed by the California Department of Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch. Sosa LE, Nye GJ, Lubiano MN, et al. Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel: Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2019. MMWR Morbidity and Mortality Rep 2019;68:239–43. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/tb2019a01a1.html>



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Newport House TB Screening

- ▶ Residents
 - ALL new admits
 - IGRA (interferon gamma release assay) upon admission
 - Chest x-ray (history of positive)
- ▶ Employees
 - New hire
 - IGRA (interferon gamma release assay)
 - Exposure



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Questions?



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