

Dept. of Health Services: Joins Wisconsin pediatricians to say now is the time to catch kids up on vaccines and well-child visits

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has joined the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP) to urge families to make sure their children are up to date on well-child visits and vaccinations.

“In 2020, there was a significant drop in clinic visits. This resulted in delays in vaccinations, screenings, referrals, and general guidance to keep families healthy,” said Dr. Sarah Campbell, WIAAP president.

While many doctors adapted through telehealth and took steps to make sure patients weren't exposed to COVID-19, the decline in the number of office visits and routine vaccinations is alarming and could have long-ranging impacts on a child's health and the health of the community.

Wellness visits for children should be scheduled with a child's doctor regularly from birth through age three, then yearly after that. Different vaccinations are given at different times as a child grows. Medical providers and local public health departments are encouraged to follow the [CDC vaccine schedule](#) for optimal protection. Guidance is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).