

# rural spotlight

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## Vaccines for Children Program

The program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provides free vaccines to eligible children and is designed to help protect all children against vaccine-preventable diseases. Unfortunately, many children are not vaccinated because their parents have no health insurance or it does not cover vaccines.

Children who can receive free vaccines before their 19th birthday are Medicaid-eligible; do not have health insurance; are American Indians or Alaskan Natives; or, are underinsured. For more information about Missouri's Vaccines for Children Program, visit <http://on.mo.gov/11vhAfJ> or call 800-219-3224.

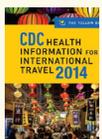
### QUICK FACTS

Vaccine-preventable diseases are at an all time low, but this doesn't mean they have disappeared. Many viruses and bacteria are still circulating. This is why it is important for everyone to receive all recommended immunizations on time. Vaccines help your body recognize and fight germs, and protect against someone who is sick with chickenpox, diphtheria, Haemophilus, influenza B, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papilloma virus, influenza, measles, meningococcus, mumps, pertussis, pneumococcus, polio, rotavirus, rubella, tetanus, and yellow fever.

### TACKLE THE FLU

Individuals, families, medical providers, health care professionals, businesses, schools, child care facilities and community organizations can help spread the word about the importance of getting vaccinated against the flu. Share this "Tackle the Flu" message with other groups and organizations you have joined. Visit <http://on.mo.gov/vln6jk> for a variety of FREE printed materials.

### THE YELLOW BOOK



The Centers for Disease Control publishes *The Yellow Book* every two years. Order your 2014 edition through Oxford's website, <http://bit.ly/1hSxKIG>, or call 1-800-451-7556 (toll-free USA), or 1-919-677-0977 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), and ask for ISBN#978-0-19-994849-9. You can also order a copy from Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Soon, the book will also be available as a mobile app. Visit <http://1.usa.gov/13E2s2e> for more information.