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10-12-Year-Old Annual Well-Child Checkups

Recommended Immunizations Between 11 and 12 Years Old

- **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)
- **MCV4** (Meningococcal)
- **HPV** (Human Papillomavirus) - 2 doses
- **Flu** (Influenza) - Annually

*School entry requirement for South Dakota 6th grade students

Dental Exam

Keep smiles healthy with an annual dental exam and two cleanings per year.

[https://www.insurekidsnow.gov/find-a-dentist/index.html](https://www.insurekidsnow.gov/find-a-dentist/index.html)

Eye Exam

An annual eye exam is recommended.

Get Them Involved

Getting your child involved in their own healthcare is the first step to helping them begin to take charge of their health. Youth can begin to learn their personal family medical history, write down questions, and talk directly with their healthcare provider.

For more resources visit: [https://doh.sd.gov/family/Youth/wellvisits.aspx](https://doh.sd.gov/family/Youth/wellvisits.aspx)

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