

Immunization Outreach - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is outreached?

Outreach is for both providers and families with immunization delayed infants and young children under 2 years old.

Provider Based Outreach (PBO) identifies immunization-delayed children less than 3 years of age attending the largest pediatric immunization providers within the City of Philadelphia.

Community Based Outreach (CBO) works with immunization-delayed children under 2 years of age living within selected Philadelphia zip codes, regardless of provider.

2. I am a provider. How often will I be outreached?

PBO providers are outreached based on - rotation cycles. Each rotation cycle is based on the size of the population served by the practice. The largest pediatric immunization providers are visited every month. The frequency of visits for all other providers may range from quarterly to semi-annually.

Since, CBO are assigned immunization-delayed children based upon the zip code in which they live, CBO requests for vaccination data may occur more frequently than a scheduled PBO visit.

3. What is the difference between PBO and an AFIX visit?

Typically, a PBO scheduled visit occurs two months prior to an AFIX visit. The PBO visits focuses only on reconciling chart information with that in KIDS Plus, whereas an AFIX visit is a comprehensive office assessment conducted by a nurse.

4. Why do I get calls for PBO visit and a request from CBO?

Since, CBO are assigned immunization-delayed children based upon the zip code in which they live and not upon their pediatric health care provider(s), CBO requests for vaccination data may occur more frequently – and for different children - than a scheduled PBO visit.

5. Why does the number of charts requested for review vary so often?

Each month the number of cases generated for both PBO and CBO is determined by the information in KIDS Plus. Ideally, the KIDS Plus record for each child correlates exactly with the provider record. . However, inaccuracies or delays in getting data into KIDS Plus increase the likelihood that fully immunized children will be selected for PBO and/or CBO.