

# Vaccinations for Children



**Protect your child,  
immunize on time!**



## Sources:

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## What is immunization?

Immunization is the process where someone becomes protected against a disease through vaccination.

## Are vaccines safe?

Yes, vaccines are safe. The United States has a vaccine safety system that ensures vaccines are made to be as safe as possible. Millions of children safely receive vaccines each year.

## What are the benefits of vaccinating my child?

Vaccines work to stimulate your body's natural immune response in order to prevent against infectious diseases. Not receiving vaccinations can lead to severe illness, pain, and may also lead to disability or death.

## What are the risks of vaccinating my child?

The main risks of vaccinating are side effects. The side effects are usually mild including redness and swelling at injection site, low-grade fever, and fussiness. If your child has a serious chronic medical conditions or had an allergic reactions to a previous vaccine dose, talk with their provider about which vaccines are right for your child.

## 3 Important Reasons for Children to Get Vaccinated

### 1 Vaccines help prevent against threatening infectious diseases



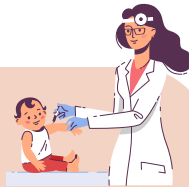
Vaccines help build our body's natural defenses. Vaccination protects against many diseases that used to harm or kill children. Without vaccination, your child may be at risk of becoming severely ill.



### Vaccination helps to keep our communities safe 2

Child vaccination helps to protect against vulnerable people of a community. This protection is referred to as herd immunity— when enough of the community are immunized, the harder it is for germs to spread.

### 3 Vaccination allows us to continue passing down our traditions



Vaccines protect future generations. Vaccines have reduced and even eliminated some diseases that caused severe disability. By vaccinating, we can continue practicing our traditions in good health.

## Recommended Vaccines and the Diseases they Prevent

- Hep B — Hepatitis B
- Tdap — Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis
- Hib — Haemophilus influenzae type B
- RV — Rotavirus
- PCV — Pneumococcal disease
- IPV — Polio
- COVID-19 — Coronavirus disease 19
- Flu — Influenza
- MMR — Measles, mumps, rubella
- Varicella — Chickenpox
- Hep A — Hepatitis A
- HPV — Human papillomavirus
- MenACWY, MenB — Meningococcal disease



### For additional information regarding recommended vaccines and timing:

- Set up an appointment with your child's primary care provider
- Visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents)

## Where to get Vaccinated

### 1 Schedule with your child's primary care provider

Many tribal and Indian Health Service clinics have the recommended pediatric vaccinations to give to your child. Schedule a well-child visit to also track growth, development, address concerns, and receive vaccines.

### 2 Find a "Got Shots" clinic

"Got Shots" allows children to stay up-to-date on their vaccinations. During this summer event, providers give vaccinations to any child regardless if they are a patient at that clinic or have insurance. Find a clinic near you by scanning the QR code.



### You have the power to help keep your child healthy



Let's play catch up on routine vaccines so we can protect our children and community from serious diseases.