

Keep Kids Healthy with Vaccines

Why Vaccinate?

VACCINES CAN HELP YOUR CHILDREN GROW UP HEALTHY BY PROTECTING THEM FROM SERIOUS DISEASES.



Vaccines have reduced or even eliminated many diseases in the U.S.—like polio.



Vaccines protect your children from serious diseases and their complications, like hearing loss or paralysis.



Vaccines protect the people around you—those with weakened immune systems and babies who are too young to be vaccinated.



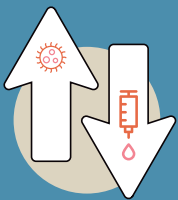
As vaccination rates climb, community immunity rises—making it harder for diseases to spread.



Research has disproved that vaccines cause conditions such as autism or sudden infant death syndrome.

Measles Is On the Rise in the U.S.

Measles infections are increasing, most likely because of a drop in vaccination rates.



Measles spreads through the air when someone who's infected coughs or sneezes.



In the U.S., about one in five people who get measles will be hospitalized.



Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people around them who aren't protected will also become infected.

Getting vaccinated is your best defense against measles.



By age 2, your child should receive protection against 15 vaccine-preventable diseases. Visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules to view the recommended immunization schedule.