

# TIPS FOR TALKING TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

**Assume parents will vaccinate.** Parents want to do everything they can to make sure their children are healthy.

**Ask parents** if they know what vaccines might be recommended for their child. "Did you know children need other vaccines as they get older?"

**Provide** them with the vaccination schedule.

- [Virginia Childhood Vaccination Schedule - English](#)
- [Virginia Childhood Vaccination Schedule - Spanish](#)

**Encourage** them to make a plan. "Have you made an appointment to get your children up to date on their vaccines so they can start school on time?"

**Talk about where** they can get their children vaccinated: "You can make an appointment with your child's pediatrician, local pharmacy, or call your local health department."

**If a parent says** they don't agree with vaccines or intend to vaccinate their children, respectfully sharing resources can be a helpful response. Taking an argumentative approach may be ineffective.

**Provide parents with reliable resources** if they have questions:

- [Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers!](#)
- [Top Ten Reasons to Protect Your Child by Vaccinating](#)
- [Vaccines for Your Children](#)

