

Vaccinations for Children

Why are we concerned about vaccinating children?

Vaccines give children immunity to diseases without them having to get sick. Children who have not been vaccinated are at risk for getting vaccine-preventable diseases and can spread those diseases to others in their classroom and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and persons with weakened immune systems.



Why do children need vaccines?

Vaccines protect children from a dozen or more potentially serious diseases. Some shots need to be given only once during childhood while others need updates or "boosters" to maintain effective immunization and sustained defense against disease.

What vaccines do children need?

It's important to check with your child's doctor to see what vaccines your child needs, especially because some of them might be required for school entry. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following vaccinations for children 0 – 6 years old:

- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertusis
- Pneumococcal
- Influenza
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Rotavirus
- Haemophilus, influenza type B
- Poliovirus
- Measles, mumps, rubella
- Hepatitis A
- Meningococcal (for certain high-risk groups)

For more information: www.cdc.gov/vaccines



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