

# What your doctor wants you to know about vaccines for kids



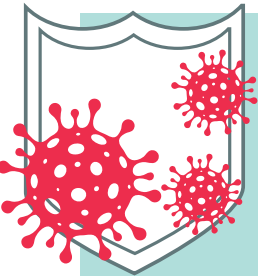
**1** Vaccines are one of the best preventative health tools we have. They can help protect against potentially deadly diseases.



**2** According to the CDC, vaccines are safe. They have been developed as a defense against potentially dangerous diseases. Without them, many diseases would return. It is important to vaccinate your child to help prevent these diseases from posing a serious threat to their health.



**3** Vaccines reduce your child's risk of infection. They work with the body's natural defenses to help safely develop protection against disease.



**4** Vaccines are continually monitored for safety. As with any medication, vaccines can cause side effects, but serious side effects are rare.



**5** Vaccines not only help protect children and their families, but other members of the community.



**6** It's important that you do not wait to vaccinate your child. Even if your child is not in a childcare setting or in school, they are at risk for getting potentially serious diseases. Vaccines will help provide protection.



**7** The vaccination schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is based on a thorough review of the scientific evidence.



**8** Your family physician cares about your health and is ready to address your questions. Our job is to provide information to help your family make important health care decisions.



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