

What your doctor wants you to know about vaccines for kids



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

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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.

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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.

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

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The vaccination schedule recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians is based on a thorough review of the scientific evidence.

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

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