

## Why Immunize?

“A vaccine is a safer substitute for a child’s first exposure to a disease...

Through vaccination, a child can develop immunity without suffering from the actual diseases that vaccines prevent”



### It can save your child’s life...

Because of medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children are no longer common in the U.S. – primarily due to safe and effective vaccines.

### It is very safe and effective...

Vaccines are only given to children after careful review by scientists, doctors, and healthcare professionals. Vaccine side effects are almost always mild, with serious side effects being very rare. The disease-prevention benefits of getting vaccinated are much greater than the possible side effects for almost all children.

### It can save your family time and money...

A child with a vaccine-preventable disease can be denied attendance at schools or daycare facilities. Some vaccine-preventable diseases can result in prolonged disabilities and can take a financial toll because of lost time at work, medical bills, or long-term disability care. Getting vaccinated is a good investment and is usually covered by insurance.

### It protects others you care about..

Children in the U.S. still get vaccine-preventable diseases. In fact, we have seen a resurgence of measles just this year. From January 1 thru July 18, 2019, there have been 1,148 cases of measles in 30 states. While some children are too young to be protected by vaccination, others may not be able to receive certain vaccinations due to severe allergies or weakened immune systems. To help keep them safe, it is important that you and your children who are able to get vaccinated are fully immunized. This not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones.

### It protects future generations...

Vaccines have reduced, and in some cases (like smallpox), eliminated many diseases that killed or severely disabled people generations ago. If we continue vaccinating, parents may be able to trust that some diseases of today will no longer be around to harm their children in the future.

If you have any questions regarding your child's immunizations, please contact your school nurse:

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School Nurses work to ensure that students are happy, healthy, in class, on task, and ready to learn.

#### Immunizations Needed For School Entry:

- **DTaP** (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis) – 5 doses (last dose on or after age 4)
- **Polio** – 4 doses (last dose on or after age 4)
- **Hib** (haemophilus influenza type B) – 3-4 doses
- **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella) – 2 doses (first dose on or after age 1)
- **Hepatitis B** – 3 doses (last dose after 24 weeks of age)
- **Varicella** (chicken pox) – 2 doses if entering Kindergarten on or after 07/01/15  
1 dose if entered school before 07/01/15  
(1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after age 1)

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#### Power to Protect

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

1-800-CDC-INFO

#### Students Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade On or After 07/01/15:

- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) – 1 booster dose
- **Meningitis** (meningococcal) – 1 dose

