

Five Important Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child

1. Immunizations can save your child's life.

Because of advances in medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before.

2. Immunization protects others you care about.

Immunizing your child not only protects your child and your family, it also helps prevent the spread of diseases, like Measles and Whooping Cough, to your friends and loved ones.

3. Vaccination is very safe and effective.

The disease-prevention benefits of getting vaccines are much greater than the possible side effects for almost all children.

4. Immunizations can save your family time and money.

A child with a vaccine-preventable disease can be denied attendance at schools or daycare facilities. Some of these 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.

5. Immunization protects future generations.

Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases, like Smallpox, that killed or severely disabled people just a few generations ago.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>