

Top Ten Reasons to Protect Your Child by Vaccinating

Here are the top ten reasons to protect your child by vaccinating them against serious diseases.

1 Parents want to do all they can to keep their children healthy. Vaccination is the best way to do that.

2 Vaccines prevent diseases that can make your child very sick. These diseases can lead to pneumonia, seizures, deafness, hearing loss, brain damage, hospital care, loss of an arm or leg, or death.



3 Vaccines can prevent diseases such as measles, whooping cough, influenza, and RSV. These diseases harm U.S. children and lead to hospital care and deaths every year.

4 Some diseases, such as measles, are more common in other countries. A traveler can bring the disease to the U.S., or a child can get it while traveling.



5 Outbreaks of diseases that can be prevented by vaccines happen when more parents decide not to vaccinate their children.

6 Vaccines are safe and they work! Scientists and doctors do long and careful reviews of each vaccine to be sure they are safe.



7 Trusted leaders in the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and every children's hospital all strongly support vaccinations to protect children. And they get their own kids vaccinated!

8 Vaccines protect other people you care about, including family members, friends, and neighbors.

9 If children aren't vaccinated, they can spread disease to others, such as

- a child too young to be vaccinated
- someone with cancer
- a playmate or classmate

No one wants to harm vulnerable people.

10 We work together to make our communities stronger. We want to protect each other. Vaccinating our family members is the best way to protect them and our neighbors.

