

Fact Sheet



Division of Developmental Disabilities Health Care Services

Immunizations

Immunizations, or vaccines, help prevent you from getting specific diseases. Talk to your doctor about the benefits of vaccines.

- Ask questions about the risks
- Then make an informed decision

Fact Sheet guidelines have been provided as general information, not as a substitution for medical treatment from a physician.



Facts:

- When you don't vaccinate, you put others at risk.
- When enough people are immunized, the spread of diseases is almost stopped.
- Severe side effects from shots are rare.
- Common side effects are soreness and redness around the shot site and fever.
- There are no credible studies that link immunizations and autism.

You can get seizures, meningitis, hearing loss, or death if you aren't fully immunized.

Protecting against preventable diseases is everyone's job.

It is best to get the right dose of each vaccine at the right time.

Parents should track the immunization schedule for their children and if a dose is ever missed, consult with their doctor to catch up and stay protected.

Reference: [cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html)

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