

IMMUNIZATIONS

Get the Shots to Protect Your Child

Shots help keep your child healthy and safe. The risks of not getting them can be serious.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- ▶ Your child has to have shots to go to school. They protect against many childhood diseases.
- ▶ Your child's arm may be sore after the shot. Your child may also have fever after the shot. Do not be worried about these signs.
- ▶ Shots are safe. Not having shots will put your child at greater risk for some diseases.

WHAT DISEASES DO THE SHOTS PREVENT?

Here is a list of shots and the diseases shots can prevent:

Name of shot	What it prevents
HBV	Liver disease that can harm new babies
DtaP	Diphtheria, lockjaw and whooping cough
Hib	Type of flu that infants and young kids can get during flu season Can cause loss of hearing and other long-term problems
IPV and OPV	Polio, which can kill a child who gets it or cripple them for life
Rotavirus	Disease that causes vomiting and bad diarrhea
MMR	Measles, German measles and mumps
Varicella	Chicken pox

Some of the diseases on this list can affect someone for the rest of their life. Shots can keep your child safe from them. Know the facts about the shots your child's school requires, and be sure they get them. The risks of not getting them are too great.