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WHAT IS YOUR Reason?

Your choice TODAY will affect your
child's health TOMORROW.



SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE DISEASE **Do what is BEST for your child!**

Immunization against infectious diseases remains one of the most successful health interventions in the past 100 years. Countless lives have been saved as a result of vaccines.

More than three million people still die around the world from vaccine-preventable diseases each year. Approximately 1.5 million of these deaths are in children less than five years old.

The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and our member physicians understand that parents may have concerns about immunizing their children. We support ongoing research and increased funding in that area. We hope you discuss all questions and concerns about vaccines with your child's physician.

VACCINES SAVE LIVES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 in the U.S. will **prevent 419 million illnesses** and help **avoid 939,000 deaths**.

The CDC also explains that vaccines will **save \$406 billion** in direct costs, such as medical expenses, and nearly \$1.9 trillion in societal costs over the same time period because children who were spared from sometimes-devastating illnesses will be able to contribute to society.

GET THE FACTS



RESEARCH HAS PROVEN TIME AND AGAIN THAT IT IS SAFE FOR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE MULTIPLE VACCINES AT ONE TIME.

While it's understandable that parents might be concerned about how many vaccines are given at one time in the child and adolescent vaccine schedule, there is NO research that shows opting for a delayed or slower schedule is safe. In fact, not protecting your child from vaccine-preventable diseases puts them at risk to contract these potentially dangerous illnesses.

Following the recommended schedule of vaccines is the safest option for your child.



IMMUNIZATION IS BETTER THAN NATURAL INFECTION.

Choosing not to vaccinate puts a child at risk for serious complications from a disease including paralysis, brain damage, liver failure, deafness, blindness and death. Vaccination provides better immunity than natural infection.

VACCINES ARE SAFE

The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is confident in the safety of vaccines because of our deep understanding of the complex systems in place to license safe vaccines and continually monitor their safety after being licensed. As vaccines are given to otherwise healthy people, they are held to the highest safety standards, requiring **more rigorous testing than most medications**. It can take 15 or more years and an average of \$1 billion dollars to thoroughly test a new vaccine before it is licensed by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and made available to the public.

As with any medication, side effects can occur after vaccination. However, these side effects are usually minor and most often include soreness or redness at the site where the shot was given, and a low fever (which is actually a positive sign that the body is doing its job by reacting to the vaccine). Severe reactions to vaccines are very rare. Information on possible side effects after vaccination can be found on each vaccine's Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), which is provided by your pediatrician.

CONTINUE LEARNING

For more information about the benefits, safety and effectiveness of vaccines, visit:

ohioaap.org

cdc.gov/vaccines

healthychildren.org

vaccinateyourfamily.org

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