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# YOUR CHILD Thanks You!

Thank you for choosing to vaccinate today. The vaccines your child received today will protect them tomorrow!



## SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE DISEASE

Did you know that when you get vaccinated, you're not only protecting yourself, but you are also **protecting your family and your community** from contagious and dangerous diseases? If we have high vaccination rates in every community, we are able to keep diseases from spreading throughout the U.S. Unfortunately, too often, we learn of people who suffer from illness and disability from infectious, yet preventable diseases, or of families who mourn the devastating loss of loved ones from an illness that could have been prevented through vaccines.

Over the years, vaccines have prevented countless cases of disease and disability, and have **saved millions of lives**. For example, polio, which caused approximately 50,000 cases each year in the U.S., was one of the most dreaded childhood diseases of the 20th century with annual epidemics. But, through successful vaccination programs around the world, polio is almost gone from the world.

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**, help **avoid 936,000 deaths**, and **save nearly \$1.9 trillion** in total societal costs. For every \$1 spent on childhood vaccinations, our country saves \$10.90

You protect your child from car accidents with seat belts... protect them from drowning by teaching them how to swim... and now, you protected your child from all vaccine-preventable diseases.

## PROTECTING THE FUTURE

Vaccination is the foundation to building a healthy life for your child. As your son or daughter gets older, it is important to maintain annual well-child visits with your physician. Be sure to ask your physician about:

- Developmental screenings
- Vision screenings
- Nutrition/BMI screenings
- Oral health
- Early literacy/reading
- Vaccine boosters, including yearly flu shots
- Adolescent vaccines



As children get older, protection provided by some childhood vaccines can begin to wear off. Kids can also develop risks for more diseases as they get older. Help your child transition into the teen years in a healthy way by staying up-to-date on pre-teen vaccines. **Doctors recommend both boys and girls receive the meningococcal, Tdap and the HPV vaccine series by 11 or 12 years of age.**

## GET THE FACTS

### 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](http://ohioaap.org)**  
**[cdc.gov/vaccines](http://cdc.gov/vaccines)**

**[healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org)**  
**[vaccinateyourfamily.org](http://vaccinateyourfamily.org)**

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