



The Importance of Immunizations for Child Health

All around us, bacteria and viruses mean to do us harm. The use of vaccines provide immunity from these potentially life-threatening diseases. For children, vaccines are given on a schedule to give the maximum immunity as they mature. Specifically, for infants, as they stop breastfeeding, the lack the maternal antibodies makes children susceptible to diseases. Thus, its important to follow the recommended immunization schedule. Doing so prevents complications when exposed to diseases, provides early protection for the child, and prevents children from spreading illnesses to individuals unable to receive vaccines (“Reasons to Follow CDC’s Recommended Immunization Schedule,” 2020). Infants' immunologic systems are very immature and go through many changes during the first year of their lives. Immunizations provide the best protection. The recommended doses of each vaccine are essential in that it helps to build a strong immunity against specific diseases but also provides long-term protection as well. Immunizations do not only protect a child from contracting a disease but also helps stop the spread of illnesses or diseases as well. It is said that children who are not vaccinated are not only at risk for getting a disease themselves but also spreading it to others, so by deciding to get your baby vaccinated will not only protect them but also protect family, friends, and even the community (“Reasons to Follow CDC’s Recommended Immunization Schedule,” 2020). [Easy-to-read Immunization Schedule by Vaccine for Ages Birth-6 Years | CDC](#)

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