

**Remember to vaccinate
your child on time!**

By the time a child is two years old he or she will need up to 10 different immunizations. Here are the shots your child will need at each well child visit:

Birth: Hep B

2 months: DTaP, Hep B, Polio, Hib, Pneumococcal (PCV), Rotavirus (Rota)

4 months: DTaP, Hep B, Polio, Hib, PCV, Rota

6 months: DTaP, Hep B, Polio, Hib, PCV, Rota

12 to 15 months: MMR, Varicella, Hep A, PCV, Hib

15 to 18 months: DTaP, Hep A

4 to 6 years: DTaP, Polio, MMR, Varicella

Flu vaccine can be given every year starting at 6 months of age.



Online Resources

Every Child By Two

www.ecbt.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/vaccines

Vaccine Education Center

www.chop.edu/consumer/index

National Network for Immunization Information

www.immunizationinfo.org

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**Be Wise,
Immunize!**



**Important
Information About
Your Baby's
Vaccinations from
the San Antonio
Metropolitan Health
District**

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What Are Vaccines and How do They Work?

Most diseases are caused by a bacteria or virus. When someone is infected with one of these organisms that person becomes ill. Vaccines use either inactivated (“dead”) bacteria and viruses or parts of them to prepare the body’s defense system. After someone is vaccinated the body makes antibodies and memory cells of the organism in the vaccine. These antibodies and memory cells protect a person if there is an outbreak of a certain disease in a community. When an immunized person is exposed to a disease the body “remembers” it and is able to fight it off before the person even realizes he or she is sick. Some vaccines are given only in infancy such as the vaccine for rotavirus. Others, like the flu vaccine, need to be repeated every year into adulthood. Your doctor can tell you more about which vaccines your child needs.



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Why do I Need to Vaccinate my Baby?

Vaccines protect children from illnesses and death caused by a number of infections. Before vaccines were developed thousands of infants died from childhood diseases. Vaccines help a child’s body develop immunity to and fight off potentially deadly illnesses. Vaccines can prevent:

- Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)
- Tetanus
- Polio
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Chicken pox
- Hepatitis A and B
- Meningitis
- Pneumococcal infections
- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenzae type B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (“flu”)
- Rotavirus

Are Vaccines Safe?

Just like anything else the benefits of a vaccine need to be weighed against the risks. Most often the risks of vaccination include redness, pain and swelling near the injection site. Rarely some people have a severe allergic reaction to part of the vaccine. The risks of not vaccinating your child can be great. Talk to your doctor about the benefits and possible risks of vaccination.

What is SAIRS?

The San Antonio Immunization Registry System (SAIRS) has been in place for over 20 years. When your child receives an immunization it is entered into SAIRS. Here is some important information to remember about SAIRS:

- The information in SAIRS is completely confidential! Only people involved in your child’s care (doctor’s, schools, day-care, health plans) can access the record.



- SAIRS consolidates the records from many providers so your child’s record is always up-to-date.
- You can easily obtain a copy of your child’s immunization record through SAIRS.

Ask your doctor if they participate in SAIRS!