

*Vaccines are safe!*

Vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety. The US currently has the safest most effective vaccine supply in history. Years of testing are required by law before a vaccine can be licensed and monitored continually once they are in use.

It is safe to be vaccinated if you have a minor illness

**Diseases to be vaccinated against:**

## Diphtheria (DTaP)

Infect the throat, nose or skin.

Can cause breathing problems, weakness or loss of muscle movement, heart failure or death

Kills one of every ten people who get the disease.

## Pertussis or Whooping Cough (DTaP)

Easily spread by coughing, sneezing or close face to face contact

Causes long coughing spells that make it hard for your child to eat, drink or even breathe.

Disease can last up to three months and sometimes cause serious complications

## Tetanus (DTaP)

Tetanus bacteria are common especially in dirt, dust and manure

Infect cuts, puncture wounds or burns

Germs form a poison/toxin that causes your muscles to tighten into spasms which can be very serious if breathing muscles are affected

Two out of every ten people die from the disease.

## Polio (IPV)

Serious infection that can cause permanent paralysis and in severe cases, death.

## Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)

Measles can cause malnutrition, poor mental growth and blindness

Mumps are caused by a virus and can cause brain swelling and deafness

Rubella (German measles) is also vital and can cause severe birth defects

## Meningitis (MCV4)

Infects spinal cord and brain fluids

Headache, fever and stiff neck are common symptoms in those over two years of age.

Spread by coughing, sneezing or kissing

Proper antibiotic treatment can reduce risk of death by 15%

## Chickenpox

Not normally serious in children but vaccination can reduce risk of serious complications.

## Hepatitis A

Virus that can affect anyone causing liver disease

## Hepatitis B

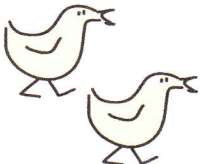
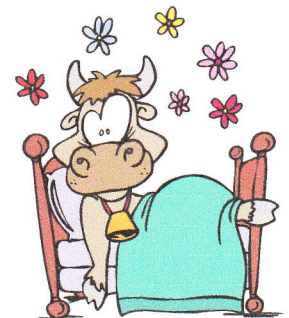
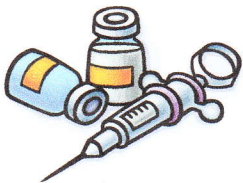
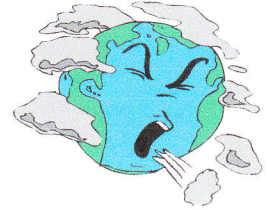
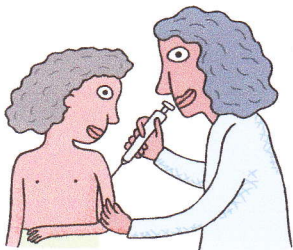
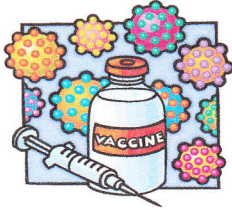
Virus that can cause lifelong infection, liver problems and even death

## Pneumococcal (Pnevnar)

Bacteria attacks different parts of the body causing pneumonia, meningitis and blood infections

## Influenza (PedvaxHIB)

Contagious respiratory illness caused by virus ranging from mild to severe and can at times lead to death



*Talk to your doctor today about necessary vaccinations for you and your family*