



Take note

**Protect your family against
disease with timely vaccinations**

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Getting ready for back-to-school



Let's talk vaccinations

Keeping kids healthy

Your state may require children to get vaccines against certain diseases before going to school. If you're unsure of your state's requirements, now is the time to check with your child's doctor, your child's school or your health department. That way, your child can get any needed vaccines before the back-to-school rush.

Preventing disease outbreaks

Thanks to vaccines, many preventable diseases have become rare, but cases and outbreaks can still happen.

For example, from January 1 to June 13, 2016, almost 6,000 cases of whooping cough were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Keeping your children up to date with vaccinations is the best way to protect your family, community and schools from outbreaks that cause unnecessary illnesses and deaths.

Recording vaccines

When you need official copies of immunization records to enroll your child in childcare, school and summer camps or for international travel, they'll be much easier to get if you have accurate, up-to-date personal records.

You can get an immunization tracking card from your child's doctor or from your state health department. You can also ask your doctor to record the vaccines your child has received in your state's registry.

Check with your health care provider to see what, if any, vaccines are needed for the upcoming school year.

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