


What do I need to know about Vaccines?




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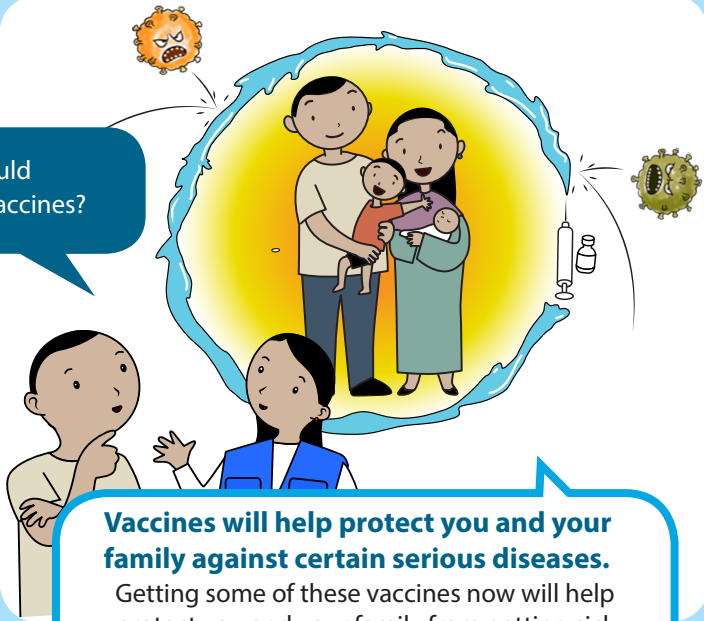
Getting vaccinations before you go is your family's....
Key to the USA.

Vaccine Information Statements



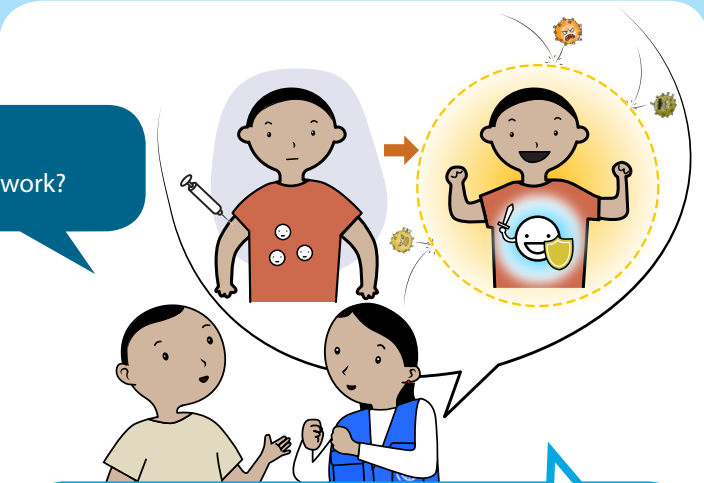
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Why should we get vaccines?



Vaccines will help protect you and your family against certain serious diseases.
Getting some of these vaccines now will help protect you and your family from getting sick from these diseases. It will also make your re-settlement and integration in the US easier.

How do vaccines work?

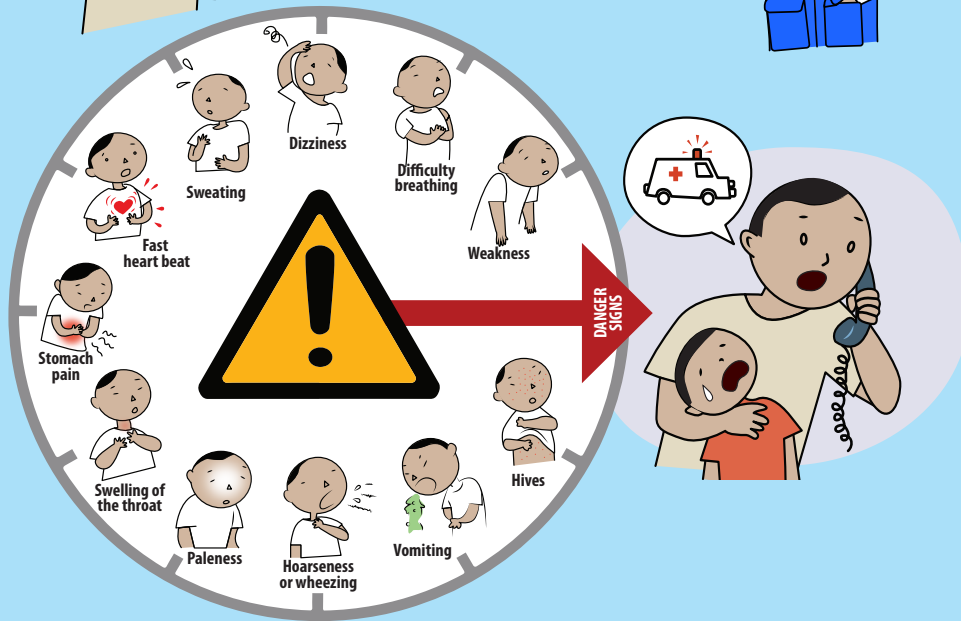


Vaccines make a person immune to these diseases without having to get sick first.
Vaccines are made from the same bacteria or virus that causes a disease, but in a safe, weaker version. This helps prevent you from getting sick from these diseases.

What might happen AFTER a vaccine?
And what should I do?

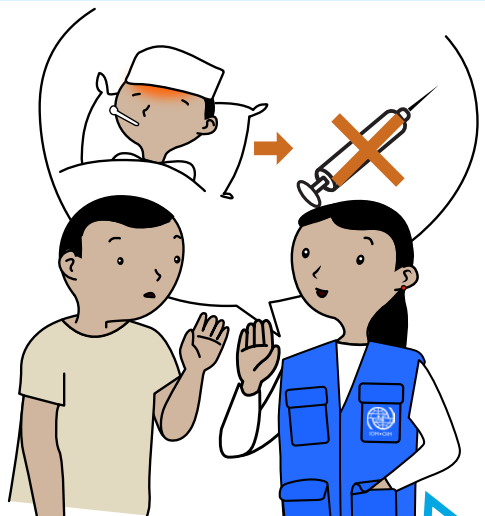


Get medical help immediately, and contact the IOM panel physician, if you see any of the following reactions within a few hours after the vaccination. **These reactions are serious but very rare.**



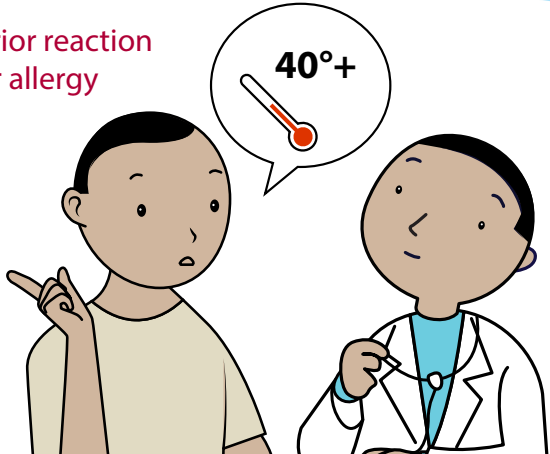
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When should vaccines NOT be given?



The doctor will decide which vaccines you should receive. Some children and adults, including pregnant women, should not get certain vaccines.

Prior reaction or allergy



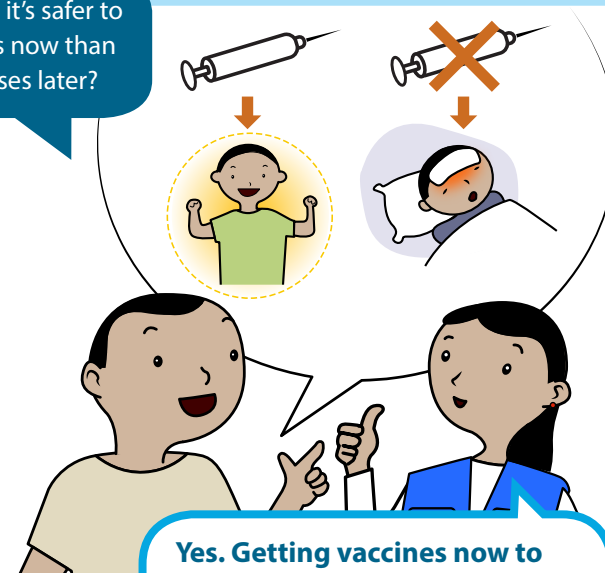
Tell the doctor and nurse if you or your child had a serious reaction after a prior dose of a vaccine, has any serious allergies (these reactions and allergies are rare), especially to yeast or medicines named neomycin, streptomycin, or polymyxin B.

What risks do vaccines have?



Mild "local" reactions which are NOT dangerous may happen in 1 person out of 4. Mild reactions like tenderness, redness or swelling could occur soon afterward and go away within one or two days. More severe reactions can also occur, but not often. Your doctor and nurse are trained to treat these. **It is extremely unlikely that any vaccine will cause serious harm.**

This means that it's safer to get the vaccines now than to get the diseases later?



Yes. Getting vaccines now to protect you is less of a risk than getting these serious diseases.

The vaccines recommended
can prevent up to
13 serious diseases!



Viruses	Major Signs, Complications
MEASLES	fever, rash, ear infection, seizures, brain damage
MUMPS	swollen glands, deafness, meningitis
RUBELLA	fever, rash, arthritis, birth defects
HEPATITIS B	liver damage, liver cancer
POLIO	paralysis
VARICELLA	chickenpox, pneumonia, brain damage
ROTAVIRUS	severe diarrhea
Bacteria	
H. INFLUENZAE TYPE B	meningitis, pneumonia, blood infection
DIPHTHERIA	throat infection, breathing and heart problems
PERTUSSIS	whooping cough
TETANUS	lockjaw, body stiffness
PNEUMOCOCCUS	meningitis, pneumonia, blood infection
MENINGOCOCCUS	meningitis, blood infection

Vaccines will protect you and your family
against serious diseases.

