Why Immunize?

CDC estimates that vaccinations will prevent 322 million illnesses, 21 million hospitalizations, and 732,000 deaths among children born in the last 20 years.

- Vaccines are the most successful and cost-effective way to prevent death and disease.
- Because of vaccines, diseases like smallpox and polio have been eradicated.
- If vaccines stopped, 2.7 million people would die worldwide from measles each year.
- 15,000 people died of diphtheria each year before the vaccine.
- In the 1950s, polio paralyzed 37,000 and killed 1,700 people every year.
- Before the vaccine, up to 70,000 children were hospitalized a year due to rotavirus disease.

Check with a health care provider about what vaccines your child needs.

Adults need vaccines too: ~ Annual flu shot, tetanus, diphtheria, shingles, and pneumococcal.

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