

Childhood Immunization Information

When it comes to your child, their safety is your top priority. Vaccination is the best way to provide long-term protection from serious illnesses allowing them to grow stronger and stay healthier into adulthood.

CHILDREN'S VACCINES



- Rotavirus
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Measles
- Chickenpox
- Meningitis
- Pneumococcus
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Hep B
- Hib
- Hep A
- Polio
- Mumps
- Rubella

Vaccines strengthen your child's immune system by providing small amounts of antigens from a disease to train the body to recognize and protect against disease.



The Louisiana Department of Health partners with the CDC to provide a recommended immunization schedule for children.



Children are exposed to germs through:

- Food they eat
- Air they breathe
- Surfaces they touch
- Toys they play with



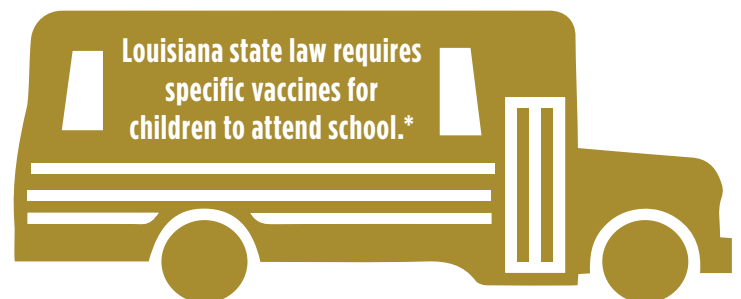
STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE

30 years ago, vaccines used **3,000 ANTIGENS** to protect against **8 DISEASES BY AGE 2.**

Today, vaccines use **305 ANTIGENS** to protect against **14 DISEASES BY AGE 2.**

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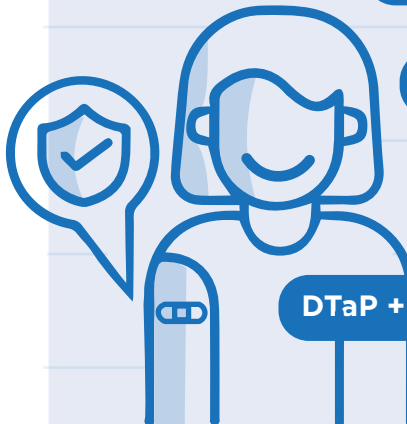
Continued vaccination prevents eliminated diseases like polio and measles from reemerging.



*Students may participate in school without the required immunizations if a written statement of exemption is presented.

FEWER SHOTS, MORE PROTECTION - COMBINATION SHOTS

Combination vaccines, used in the U.S. since the 1940s, put two or more individual vaccines together in one shot meaning less discomfort while providing quicker disease protection.

VACCINATION COMBINATION	PROTECTS AGAINST
 <p>DTaP + Hep B + IPV</p>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B & Polio
<p>DTaP + IPV + Hib</p>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio & Haemophilus Influenzae Type B
<p>DTaP + IPV</p>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis & Polio
<p>DTaP + IPV + Hib + Hep B</p>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B & Hepatitis B
<p>MMR + VAR</p>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella (Chickenpox)

CHICKENPOX CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS & DEATHS HAVE DECREASED OVER 90% SINCE REGULAR VACCINATION.



Most insurance companies are required to cover the cost of vaccines. If you don't have coverage through insurance, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program may be able to help.



HPV - PROTECTION BEFORE EXPOSURE

84%

of HPV-related cancers diagnosed in men & women each year could be prevented by vaccines received in preteen and teen years.

THE HPV VACCINE IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH BOYS & GIRLS.



HPV vaccine is the king of cancer prevention preventing 6 different types of cancer.