

IMMUNIZATION FACTS

DID YOU KNOW....

Between 1990 and 1999, approximately 42,082 cases of measles were reported in the United States, resulting in 98 deaths?



Many preventable childhood diseases will strike thousands of unprotected children?

WHY IMMUNIZE?

Children can be protected against diseases like measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, Hepatitis B, chickenpox, polio, and Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B).

ARE IMMUNIZATIONS SAFE?

In very rare situations, a child may have a serious reaction to an immunization. Discuss possible side effects with your doctor or nurse. However, the risk in not immunizing a child is much greater than the risk of a serious reaction.



WHEN SHOULD CHILDREN BE IMMUNIZED?

Birth	2 months	4 months	6 months
12 months	15-18 months	5 years	12 years

WHAT IF A CHILD IS BEHIND ON HER OR HIS IMMUNIZATIONS?

Children who are behind on their shots may be unprotected. Ask your doctor or nurse about what immunizations are still needed.

WHERE SHOULD PARENTS GO TO GET THEIR CHILDREN IMMUNIZED?

Immunizations are available at your doctor's office or local public health department. Also, a public health department clinic may be available in your area. Call the Medina County Health Department for more information.

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WHAT IF A PARENT DOES NOT HAVE MONEY TO PAY

FOR

IMMUNIZATIONS?

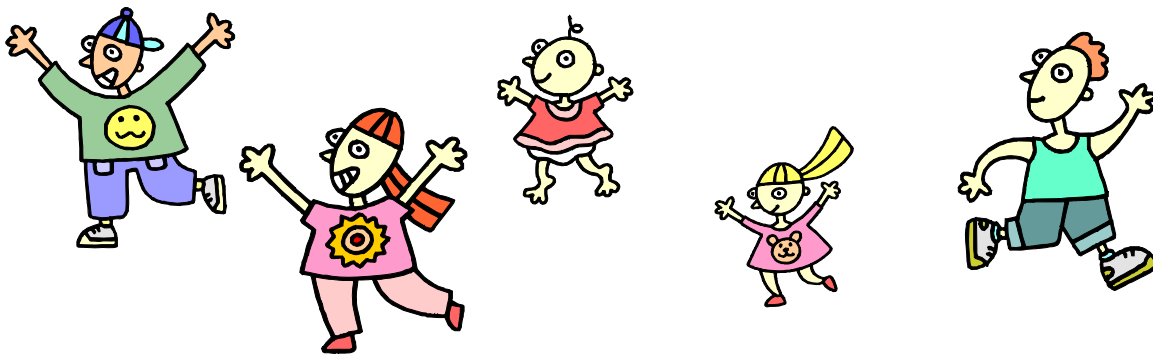
Most immunizations are available through the Medina County Health Department for a minimal donation. Every child will be immunized regardless of ability to pay.

WHAT IMMUNIZATIONS DOES A CHILD NEED?

A child needs all of the following immunizations to stay healthy.

(Some will protect against more than one disease.)

- ★ MMR To protect against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)
- ★ IPV To protect against polio.
- ★ DtaP To protect against diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough)
- ★ Hib To protect against Haemophilus influenzae b (a major cause of meningitis)
- ★ HBV To protect against Hepatitis B infection
- ★ Td To protect against tetanus-diphtheria
- ★ Varicella To protect against varicella (chickenpox)



For more information, call Medina County Health Department at (330) 723-9688, 336-4136, or 220-6265