

Title: Vaccines do not cause autism.

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Abstract: Some parents have enough concern about a proposed link between vaccinations and autism that they delay or refuse to immunize their children. The evidence clearly shows that there is no link between vaccinations and autism.

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Reasons to Have Your Child Vaccinated:

- **Vaccines have been proven to be safe**
- **Vaccines help prevent serious and even deadly diseases**
- **Vaccines are usually covered by insurance**
- **Many devastating diseases are now rare thanks to vaccines**

Current Evidence:

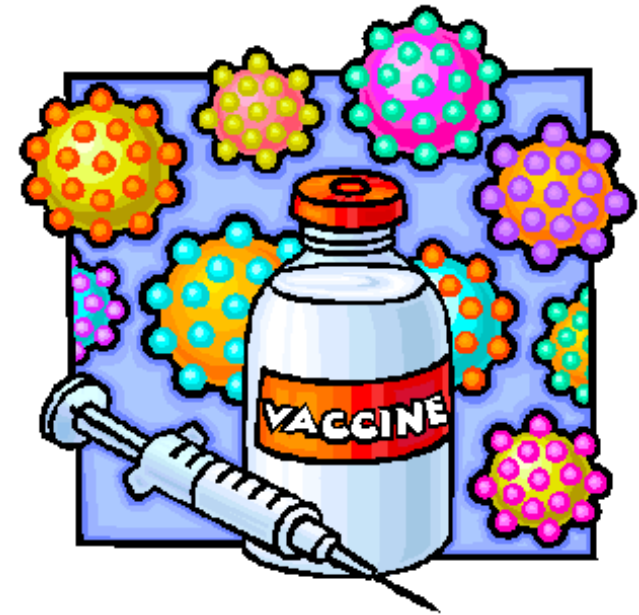
A recent study of nearly 30,000 children showed that vaccines do not lead to autism

Many other large studies have also shown no link between vaccinations and autism

The rate of autism did not go down after mercury was removed from vaccines

Autism is better understood, and therefore diagnosed more often, than in the past

Vaccines Do Not Cause Autism



Information for Parents

Tell your doctor if your child:

- **Is sick**
- **Has had an allergic reaction to a previous vaccine**
- **Is allergic to latex, eggs, or yeast**



More Resources for Parents

Centers for Disease Control:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm048750.htm>

American Academy of Pediatrics:

http://www.cispimmunize.org/fam/fam_main.html

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