

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:

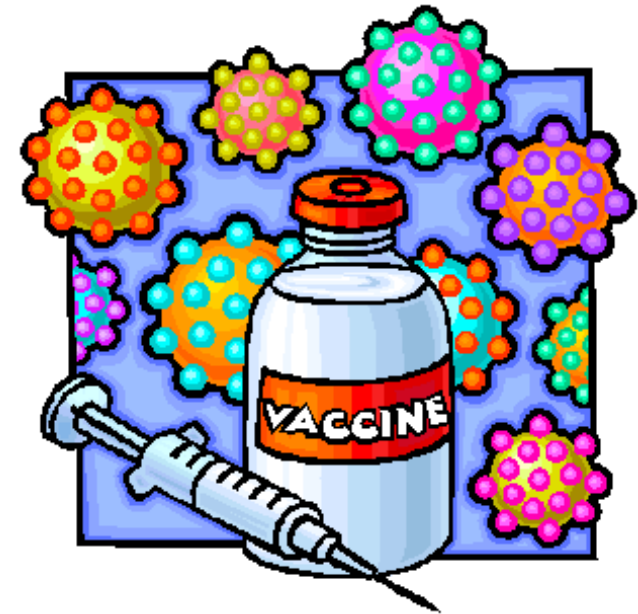
**A recent study of nearly 30,000 children showed that vaccines do not lead to autism**

**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](http://www.cispimmunize.org/fam/fam_main.html)

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