

# What to Know about Vaccines for Your Baby

As parents and caregivers, we all want to keep our child as healthy as possible. Vaccines play a big part in helping keep children safe from serious illness. It is natural to have questions about vaccines for your baby.

Ask your child's health care provider these questions about vaccines to help you make the best choices for your child's health.

- 1** What vaccines are recommended for children before they turn 2?
- 2** What is the purpose of each vaccine, and how do they protect my child from getting sick?
- 3** Are there any side effects or risks with these vaccines that I should know about?
- 4** When should my child be getting these vaccines?
- 5** How will my child be safe from illness if they miss a vaccine or if we fall behind on the timeline?
- 6** Are there any other vaccines that you think would be good for my child?

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# What to Know about Well-baby Visits

Making sure that your child sees their health care provider for well-baby visits is one of the best things you can do to help protect your child from serious illness.

Well-baby visits are regular check-ins with your child's health care provider. They are important for many reasons, including:

- Getting vaccines to avoid illnesses like pneumonia, measles and whooping cough (pertussis) and other serious diseases
- Tracking growth and skills milestones
- Talking about any other concerns about your child's health

## Tips for Well-baby Visits

- ✓ Write down any questions or notes you may have before the visit.
- ✓ Keep track of your child's vaccines to ensure your child is up to date.
- ✓ Be ready to talk about your child's growth and any new skills.
- ✓ Share any changes or new skills in your child's routine or behavior.

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