



Get your baby's shots on time — every time!

Shots can protect your baby from dangerous childhood diseases.

Your baby could get very sick or even die from these diseases. To be protected, your baby needs a series of shots at birth, 2, 4, and 6 months of age, and between 12 to 18 months of age.

Protect your baby from these diseases:

- Hepatitis B
- Hib (meningitis)
- Diphtheria
- Tetanus (lockjaw)
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Polio
- Chicken pox
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella (German measles)
- Pneumococcal disease
- Rotavirus disease (severe gastroenteritis)
- Hepatitis A
- Influenza

Do shots really work?

Yes! Immunizations can protect your baby against serious diseases that can make your baby very sick. Babies are immunized when they are young, because some diseases that vaccines prevent are much more dangerous for babies or young children. Check with your baby's healthcare provider. Make sure your child has gotten all the shots he or she needs.

Are shots safe?

Yes! Vaccines are very safe and effective. They prevent diseases by making the immune system stronger. Sometimes children get mild reactions to the shots, like fever, a sore arm or leg, or swelling where the shot was given. Your doctor or nurse can talk about the risks with you before your children get their shots.

A serious problem from shots is very rare. Call your health care provider right away if your child has a very high fever, a rash all over his or her body, or a lot of swelling where he or she was given the shot.

Schools need a record of your child's shots.

By law, children in California must have certain shots before they go to school or day care.

Your child needs a record of these shots with the dates your child got each shot. Keep your child's Immunization record in a safe place.

For more information, see: www.shotsforschool.org.