



Vaccines Have a Long History of Safety & Trust

What Every Parent & Adult Should Know

Making health decisions for your family is a big responsibility. With so much information out there, it's important to feel confident in your choices, especially when it comes to vaccines.

THE TRUTH?

Vaccines are one of the most carefully developed, monitored, and effective health tools available.

✓ Vaccines Have Been Keeping Us Safe for Over a Century

Vaccines have been used since the late 1800s, when they helped protect people from deadly diseases like smallpox, rabies, plague, cholera, and typhoid fever. Thanks to vaccination, many of those illnesses are no longer a threat today.

! **But the job isn't done.** Continued vaccination helps keep these diseases in the past, exactly where they belong.

✓ Our Vaccine Safety System Is Strong & Has Been for Over 100 Years

Since 1902, the United States has had strict safety laws to ensure that vaccines are made and distributed under the highest possible standards. In 1944, the government created a dedicated team, the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), to monitor vaccine development from start to finish.

! **This team of scientists and experts** carefully reviews every step of vaccine development before anything reaches the public.

✓ Monitoring Doesn't Stop After Approval

Once a vaccine is approved, the oversight continues. Manufacturers and public health agencies keep testing and inspecting vaccine batches, facilities, and safety data, even after they're available to the public. This helps identify and address even the rarest issues early on.

! **The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**, created by the CDC and FDA, allows anyone to report potential side effects. Every report is reviewed. This is one of the many systems that help keep vaccines safe, transparent, and accountable.

✓ It's Okay to Have Questions

It's completely normal to want to understand more. And your healthcare provider is one of your best resources.

! **Family doctors, pediatricians, and clinicians want the same thing you do:** for your children to grow up healthy and safe. They only recommend vaccines because they've reviewed the evidence, followed the science, and trust that vaccination is one of the best ways to protect your family.

So ask questions. Share your concerns.

They're here to listen and support you—not to pressure you.

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Vaccines have protected families for generations.
- Safety systems are rigorous, transparent, and ongoing.
- Healthcare providers recommend vaccines because they trust the science—and they care deeply about your child's future.
- Choosing to vaccinate is choosing a time-tested way to protect your family and your community.

Need more information?

Talk to your provider today!



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