

# Why Routine Vaccinations Matter



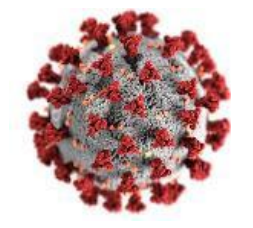
## 1. Why it is important for my child to get routine vaccinations?

- Vaccinations and well-child visits are important for all children and are essential for those under the age of two. They help keep your child safe and healthy. They protect them from serious and harmful diseases like measles, mumps, polio, and pertussis (whooping cough).
- If your child has missed some vaccinations, now is a good time to catch up.
- For a list of vaccines that children need based on age, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html).



## 2. Where can I take my child to get their routine vaccinations?

- Your child can get their vaccinations from their doctor or at a local pharmacy. Note that many pharmacies cannot vaccinate children under 3. If you do not have health insurance or a regular doctor for your child, go to a free or low-cost immunization clinic. Visit [ph.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics.htm](http://ph.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics.htm) or call 2-1-1 to find a clinic near you. 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day and provides information in many languages.



## 3. Should my child get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- Yes. COVID-19 is usually milder in children, but some children get very sick and/or get long-term health problems from COVID-19 that can affect their quality of life. This can even happen to healthy children with no medical conditions. Getting your child vaccinated lowers the risk of getting these complications.
- To learn more, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) or call 1-833-540-0473 7 days a week for help with appointments.



## 4. Can my child get vaccinated against COVID-19 and other diseases at the same time?

- Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine can safely be given at the same time as other routine vaccines. Your child does not need to wait between getting a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines, including flu vaccine.



## 5. Will I need my child's vaccination records when they register for school or childcare?

- Yes. All students entering childcare, kindergarten, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and all students starting in a new school district, need to show that they have received all the routine vaccinations that are required. For details, visit [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org).