

# General Immunization Information

Immunizations, also called vaccinations, are one of the greatest achievements in public health. Vaccines prevent disease in people who receive them. Additionally, if enough people in the community are vaccinated, the entire community can be protected because there is little opportunity for an outbreak to occur.

Before vaccines, many children died from diseases like measles, pertussis (whooping cough), and *Haemophilus influenzae*. Through the introduction of routine vaccinations, these and other vaccine-preventable diseases occur much less often in the United States. However, the viruses and bacteria that cause these diseases still exist. Vaccinations are the best way to prevent these diseases and the serious effects they can cause.

## Vaccine Preventable Diseases

### General Information

- [Diphtheria](#)
- [Hepatitis B](#)
- [Hepatitis D](#)
- [Haemophilus influenza type b \(Hib\)](#)
- [Human papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#)
- [Influenza](#)
- [Measles](#)
- [Meningococcal disease](#)
  - [Meningococcal vaccines](#)
- [Mumps](#)
- [Pertussis \(Whooping cough\)](#)
- [Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive \(Pneumococcal disease\)](#)
- [Polio](#)
- [Rubella](#)
- [Herpes zoster \(Shingles\)](#)
- [Tetanus \(Lockjaw\)](#)
- [Varicella \(Chicken pox\)](#)

### Contacts

- [Wisconsin's local health departments - Regional offices - Tribal agencies](#)

- [Wisconsin immunization program staff](#)

Flu Facts & Prevention

Measles Fact Sheet

Pertussis Fact Sheet