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Vaccinate!

Why ImmuNYze?

A new baby fills your life with joy, excitement and the unknown. From day one, you will make daily decisions to protect your child. Vaccinating your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. So 'Why ImmuNYze?' is a good question.

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The Campaign to ImmuNYze all New Yorkers is an initiative of the County Health Officials of New York (NYSACHO) to bring together patients, parents, providers and campaign partners to heighten awareness of the need to immunize throughout life—from infancy to senior years.

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Serious diseases are still out there!

You may not see serious diseases in your neighborhood, like your parents or grandparents did. But, these diseases still exist. Ask older family members to share their stories when they were young. Today, we are protected because of vaccines. If we stop vaccinating, the diseases return.

Disease can be just a plane ride away.

We live in a world where travel is part of our everyday life. While we do not have polio in our country, many countries still battle it and many other diseases. Vaccinating your child protects them against disease, no matter where your children may be.

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Vaccines are the safe, proven choice.

The United States' vaccine supply is safe and effective. Vaccines are put through strong testing before they are approved and given to children. Scientists and doctors carefully look at all the available information about a vaccine to determine its safety and if it will work to prevent illness. Vaccine updates are changed as new information and science becomes available.

Your child might feel discomfort or tenderness where he or she got the vaccine. But, this is minor compared to getting sick. Nearly all children can be safely vaccinated. There are some exceptions, including children with allergies to something in a vaccine, those with weakened immune systems or a medical treatment. Your doctor can talk to you about these risks.

The vaccine schedule provides the best protection!

Your doctor tells you to take all the antibiotics he or she has prescribed even if you are feeling better. The same goes for vaccinations. To be fully protected, your child needs all doses of the vaccine according to the recommended schedule. Not receiving the full number of vaccines leaves a child vulnerable to becoming sick. Check with your child's doctor if you have questions about which vaccines your child needs.

Vaccine records are just a click away!

If you change addresses or you change doctors, your child's vaccination history is still available! Vaccine records for children are part of the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS). Make sure to ask your doctor if they are entering your child's vaccinations into NYSIIS!

Vaccines mean less sickness and fewer missed school and work days.

No parent wants their child to be sick. Vaccinating your children will prevent diseases that can result in your child missing time away from school. When they are sick, you may also need to use your own sick or vacation time to stay home with them. The medical bills can also be very high and stressful on your family. The decision for your child to get that vaccine protects your child and your family.

Share protection through vaccination.

When you vaccinate your child, you protect other children. When you vaccinate yourself, you protect your loved ones; parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. When your family is vaccinated, you protect your neighbors, coworkers and friends. Some children and adults may have a medical reason why they cannot receive vaccines. When you vaccinate yourself and your family, you are protecting others as well. Share this protection with everyone!