Why Routine Vaccinations Matter
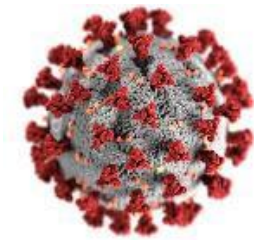## Vaccination FAQs for Parents

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.
- Vaccinations help keep your child safe, healthy, and in school.
- Vaccinations protect children from serious 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 cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-schedules/index.html.

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

- Your child can get their vaccinations at a doctor's office or a local pharmacy. Note that many pharmacies cannot vaccinate children under 3.
- Do not worry if you do not have health insurance or a regular doctor for your child. To find a free or low-cost immunization clinic near you, visit ph.lacounty.gov/ip/clinics.htm or call 2-1-1.

3. 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 the flu vaccine.

4. Why should my child get a COVID-19 vaccine?

- Getting your child vaccinated lowers the risk of serious disease, hospitalization, or long-term complications that can affect their life.
- It is important for your child to be up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine, are periodically updated to better protect against new circulating strains of a virus.
- To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine or schedule an appointment, visit VaccinateLACounty.com or call 1-833-540-0473.

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

- Yes. All students need to show that they have received all school required vaccinations. This includes all students entering childcare, kindergarten, 7th grade, and starting in a new school district. For details, visit shotsforschool.org.

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