

BE WISE IMMUNIZE

Staying healthy is important to keeping you and our community safe. Children need to have vaccinations (shots) to prevent them from getting sick. Children under the age of 5 are less able to fight off these germs if they do not receive their shots. Please keep in mind these tips about shots:

- The California School Immunization Law says that children need to be up-to-date on their shots to attend school or childcare.
- Shots are made to be given to everyone and are tested to make sure they are safe for public use.
- Some Vaccinations may not be shots; there are some that are given by the mouth or nose.
- Children who have not had their shots can die from measles, chicken pox, and other bugs that shots can prevent.
- Like most medicine, shots can cause some side effects.
- Discuss the risks and benefits of the shots with your medical provider.
- Please tell your medical provider if your child has had any past reactions to a shot or if they have any allergies.
- Before your child has shots be sure to read the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) to learn about the benefits and risks of the shots.
- Always keep a record of your child's shots.
- Ask your medical provider if there is an immunization registry in your area. An immunization registry will keep your child's immunization record on file.
- For more information please call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 or visit them online at www.cdc.gov

Immunizations keep children healthy!