

Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers!

Websites

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

www.aap.org/immunization

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

FOR PARENTS: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents

FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: www.cdc.gov/vaccines

History of Vaccines

www.historyofvaccines.org

Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)

FOR THE PUBLIC: www.vaccineinformation.org

FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: www.immunize.org

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS)

www.vaccines.gov

Vaccinate Your Family (formerly Every Child by Two)

www.vaccinateyourfamily.org

Vaccine Education Center (VEC), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center

Vaxopedia

www.vaxopedia.org/about/

Voices for Vaccines (VFV)

FOR PARENTS, OTHER ADULTS, AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS:

www.voicesforvaccines.org

Apps for Mobile Devices

Child Health Tracker Developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, this “tracker” gives parents the power of on-demand access to guidance on vaccinations and milestones they should be expecting with each birthday. Also included are tools like parent handouts for each well child visit. Available at a nominal cost from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Vaccines on the Go: What You Should Know – This app provides parents with reliable information about the science, safety, and importance of vaccines and the diseases they prevent. A free app from the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Available for Android and Apple devices.

TravWell – Use this app to build a trip to get destination-specific vaccine recommendations, a checklist of what is needed to prepare for travel and much more. A free app from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Books for Parents

Baby 411 by Denise Fields and Ari Brown, MD, Windsor Peak Press, 7th edition, 2015. Available from your favorite local or online bookstore.

Mama Doc Medicine: Finding Calm and Confidence in Parenting, Child Health, and World-Life Balance by Wendy Sue Swanson, MD (aka “Seattle Mama Doc”), 2014. Available from American Academy of Pediatrics at <http://shop.aap.org/for-parents>.

Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/parents-guide/index.html to download or order.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: The Forgotten Story by Texas Children's Hospital vaccine experts R. Cunningham, et al. Available at www.tchorderprocessing.com to order.

Vaccines and Your Child, Separating Fact from Fiction by Paul Offit, MD, and Charlotte Moser, Columbia University Press, 2011. Available at your favorite local or online bookstore.

Videos

IAC's Video Library – Go to the Immunization Action Coalition's website for parents and the public, www.vaccineinformation.org/videos, for hundreds of video clips about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases.

Shot by Shot Video Collection – Go to www.shotbyshot.org to read people's stories of vaccine-preventable diseases shared on the California Immunization Coalition website.

Phone Numbers

CDC-INFO Contact Center – Operated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this number is for both members of the general public and healthcare professionals who have questions about immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases. Call (800) CDC-INFO or (800) 232-4636. TTY: (888) 232-6348. CDC-INFO's operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (ET).