

VACCINE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CYSHCN)

MYTH 1: CYSHCN SHOULD NOT RECEIVE VACCINES BECAUSE OF THEIR UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Fact: Most CYSHCN can and should receive vaccines. Vaccination is important for protecting them from preventable diseases, which can be more severe in children and youth with special health care needs.



MYTH 2: VACCINES CAN WORSEN THE UNDERLYING CONDITIONS OF CYSHCN.

Fact: There is no evidence that vaccines worsen underlying health conditions. In fact, vaccines help prevent infections that could complicate these conditions.

MYTH 3: CYSHCN ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SEVERE REACTIONS TO VACCINES.

Fact: The benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks of potential side effects.

MYTH 4: CYSHCN DO NOT NEED VACCINES IF THEY ARE NOT IN SCHOOL OR DAYCARE.

Fact: Even if CYSHCN are not in group settings, they still need vaccines to protect them from diseases that can be easily spread in the community.

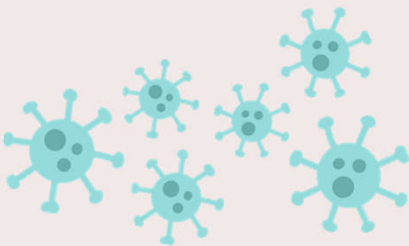
MYTH 5: ALTERNATIVE VACCINE SCHEDULES ARE SAFER FOR CYSHCN.

Fact: The recommended vaccine schedule is designed to protect children as early as possible. Delaying vaccines leaves CYSHCN vulnerable to preventable diseases.

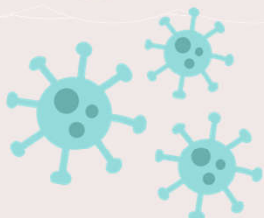


MYTH 6: CYSHCN SHOULD NOT RECEIVE VACCINES IF THEY ARE ON MULTIPLE MEDICATIONS.

Fact: Vaccines are generally safe for CYSHCN even if they are on multiple medications. Healthcare providers can assess any potential interactions, but vaccines are crucial for preventing infections that could complicate their health conditions.



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MYTH 7: VACCINES CAUSE AUTISM.

Fact: Many studies have looked at whether there is a relationship between vaccines and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). To date, the studies continue to show that vaccines are not associated with ASD.

MYTH 8: CYSHCN WHO HAVE HAD ADVERSE REACTIONS TO VACCINES SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY MORE VACCINES.

Fact: Most adverse reactions are mild and temporary. Healthcare providers can often find ways to safely vaccinate children who have had previous reactions.

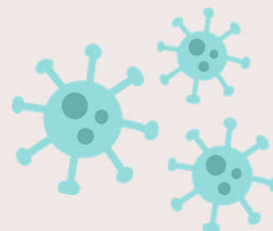


MYTH 9: NATURAL IMMUNITY IS BETTER FOR CYSHCN THAN VACCINE-ACQUIRED IMMUNITY.

Fact: Natural infections can be dangerous, especially for CYSHCN. Vaccines provide safe and effective immunity without the risks associated with natural infections.

MYTH 10: CYSHCN WITH ALLERGIES SHOULD AVOID VACCINES.

Fact: Most children with allergies can safely receive vaccines. Healthcare providers can assess and manage any potential concerns or risks.



MYTH 11: VACCINES CONTAIN HARMFUL INGREDIENTS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR CYSHCN.

Fact: Vaccines are thoroughly tested to make sure they cause no risk to children and youth, including those with special health care needs.

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