

Your concerns,

answered!

Will my child be protected by herd immunity if I don't get them vaccinated?

No. Lower vaccination rates mean herd immunity is not strong. If your child remains unvaccinated, they can then also pass infection to others who aren't able to get protected yet, like young babies and pregnant women, who can then get very ill and die.



Will catching the disease make my child's immune system stronger?

If your child is infected, their immune system learns how to better defend against that same infection if they are infected again. The body does this by making 'memory immune cells'. Catching the infection means your child can get very ill, and potentially die. Vaccinating your child stops that risk. Vaccinations teach your child's immune system to make a ready-made defence against infection, called anti-bodies, in case they meet the infection again in the future, so they don't get infected and don't get ill.



Is it safe for children to have several vaccines at once?

Yes! Babies and children encounter numerous bacteria and viruses every day. Their immune systems are well able to respond to multiple vaccines at once. If you spread vaccines out over a period of time rather than giving them together, your child is left unprotected for longer and thus at risk of becoming seriously ill.



Is the MMR linked with Autism?

No. There is no link between the MMR and Autism. MMR does not cause or increase the risk of your child developing Autism. This has been shown in studies in hundreds of thousands of children.

