



Help Me Decide Whether to Vaccinate

SKAI : Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation

These lists are designed to help you think about what is important to you to help you decide whether to vaccinate your child or not. Place a tick in a box next to each of the items to indicate how much it matters to you.

If I choose NOT to vaccinate ...

<i>Some good things might happen</i>	Matters a lot to me	Not really important to me
My child will not have to have the needles.		
My child will not have any of the common reactions to vaccination, like feeling unwell or sore where they had the needles.		
I won't be worried that my child might be the one in a million who experiences a rare serious side effect.		
I feel more comfortable around my friends and family who don't think I should vaccinate my child.		
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* Feel free to add your own examples

<i>Some bad things might happen</i>	Matters a lot to me	Not really important to me
My child will not be protected from diseases that can be serious.		
My child could pass one of these diseases on to someone else (like a baby or a pregnant woman) and this could happen before we know they have it.		
My child could catch one of these diseases and get seriously ill.		
I may not have access to Centerlink payments including the full rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A and child care fee assistance.		
I may not be able to enrol my child in child care.		
My child will not be able to attend school or child care for many days, or even weeks, if there is an outbreak of one of these diseases.		
I might not feel comfortable taking them to countries where these diseases are more common.		
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If I choose to vaccinate ...

	Matters a lot to me	Not really important to me
Some bad things might happen		
My child will have needles.		
My child might feel unwell or sore where they had the needles in the days after the vaccination.		
There's a chance my child might be the one in a million who experiences a rare serious side effect from a vaccine.		
My child may be one of the very few who catches one of these diseases even though they've been vaccinated.		
I might worry about whether I've made the right choice.		
I might worry that my friends or family will be unhappy about my decision.		
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* Feel free to add your own examples		
Some good things might happen		
My child will be better protected from the diseases.		
My child will help protect other people in my community from these diseases.		
I would feel less worried about my child if there is an outbreak of one of these diseases in my community.		
I would feel more comfortable taking my child to countries where these diseases are more common.		
I would feel more comfortable around friends and family who think I should vaccinate my child.		
My child will be able to go to child care or school even when there is an outbreak of one of these diseases.		
My family may be able to access Centerlink payments including the full rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A and child care fee assistance.		
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Further reading

talkingaboutimmunisation.org.au

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