

# WHY SHOULD I VACCINATE MY CHILD FOR THE 2023-2024 FLU SEASON?

## BENEFITS OF VACCINATION

- Reduces the risk of hospitalization
- Reduces risk of illness, keeping your child in school or daycare
- Prevents spreading flu to friends and family (including babies younger than 6 months, who are too young for a flu shot)

## WHEN SHOULD I VACCINATE MY CHILD?

- Every year in the fall, starting when they are 6 months old.
- The CDC recommends a flu vaccine by the end of October, when flu activity often increases.
- Some children (6 months-8 years of age) may need 2 doses for the best protection. Consult with your child's healthcare provider.



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