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Why ALL vaccines are important during the COVID-19 pandemic

They protect us from preventable diseases

Vaccines can save people from serious illness, injury or death. They also prevent the financial burden of medical bills and missed time at work due to being sick or taking care of a sick child.

Influenza: Also known as the flu, this virus can cause severe illness in the nose, throat, and lungs. This year it is more important than ever to get the seasonal flu vaccine. **MPTN will be setting up flu vaccine clinics this year; make sure to get your flu shot!**

Community Immunity: protect others around you

If enough people are immune to a disease, that disease will be unlikely to spread. This can protect people who cannot be vaccinated, including very young children and people with certain medical conditions. Another name for this is **herd immunity**.



They can eliminate diseases

Diphtheria: In 1921, there were 206,000 cases in the United States. Today, there have been only 3 cases since 2010

Polio: Thanks to vaccines, there have been ZERO cases of polio in the United States since 1979!

Rubella: The MMR vaccine has eliminated rubella in the United States since 2004

Smallpox: Vaccines have eliminated smallpox WORLDWIDE since the 1970s

Many of these diseases that have been eliminated still exist in other parts of the world, so vaccines are still needed to protect against disease that might come from travelers to the United States.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

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