

Frequently asked questions

Are vaccines safe?

Yes. Vaccines are tested many times before they are approved for use in the population. Vaccines are safe and side effects are usually mild and temporary (e.g., pain on injection site). More serious side effects are possible, but extremely rare. If in doubt, talk to your health care provider or go to the nearest health center.

Can giving a child more than one vaccine at a time overload the child's immune system?

No. Giving a child several vaccines at once does not harm them. In fact, it can protect them from several diseases at once.

Can pregnant women get vaccinated?

Yes, they can be vaccinated against diseases such as influenza, tetanus, hepatitis B and COVID-19 to protect themselves and their babies. Some vaccines should not be given during pregnancy but can be offered before or after pregnancy. Talk to your health care provider if you have more questions.

Do I need to be vaccinated if I am a health care worker?

Because of their work, health care workers are more exposed to viruses and bacteria than other people. All health care workers should be vaccinated to protect themselves, reduce their risk of illness, and protect their patients.

Basic facts about vaccines

- **Vaccines help our bodies fight against serious diseases.**
- **Each vaccine has its own characteristics:**
 - You may need one or more doses at different ages to be fully protected.
 - Some vaccines can protect you from more than one disease at the same time (for example, measles, mumps and rubella; or diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis).
 - Some vaccines are injected, and others are given orally.
- **Through its Revolving Fund, PAHO helps Belize obtain safe, effective, affordable, high-quality vaccines in a transparent manner.**

VACCINATE BELIZE!

Vaccines are safe and save lives!

#EACHVACCINECOUNTS

<https://www.paho.org/en/get-up-to-date>



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VACCINATION WEEK IN THE AMERICAS

#EachVaccineCounts

Get vaccinated at different stages of your life to prevent the following diseases:

GET UP-TO-DATE

The table below shows the diseases that can be prevented at each age by vaccination.

If you or your loved ones haven't received all their vaccines, you can get up-to-date!

Pregnant women	Newborn	First year of life (<12 months)	Second year of life (12-23 months)	Children	Adolescents	Adults	Health workers	Older persons
Diphtheria Tetanus Influenza COVID-19	Hepatitis B Tuberculosis	Diphtheria Tetanus Whooping cough Polio Hib disease Hepatitis B Influenza	Polio Measles Rubella Mumps Influenza Diphtheria Tetanus Whooping cough	Polio Diphtheria Tetanus Whooping cough Influenza COVID-19	Diphtheria Tetanus HPV infection COVID-19 Influenza	COVID-19 Hepatitis B Influenza	Influenza COVID-19 Tetanus Hepatitis B	Influenza Diphtheria Tetanus COVID-19