

Vaccination Talking Points

ASDA's Stance on Receiving Vaccines

ASDA's I-3 policy supports compliance with the current Center for Disease Control and prevention guidelines for vaccines, recommends that dental schools urge patients to follow CDC guidelines for vaccines, and encourages dental schools to provide patient education on vaccines as a scientifically-proven safe and effective measure of preventing communicable diseases.

Common Vaccination Misconceptions

Vaccinations cause autism: FALSE

- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), studies show there is no relationship between vaccines and autism. The CDC reports that vaccines are very safe.

Vaccinations may cause harmful side effects and illness: FALSE

- The [Center for Disease Control](#) ensures that vaccines are very safe and effective through various studies. Side effects are usually very mild including soreness at the injection site or low grade fever. Disease prevention benefits from vaccines outweigh possible side effects for the vast majority of people. Severe side effects, such as allergic reactions, are extremely rare.
- The [United States Department of Health and Human Services](#) reports that vaccines are safe and effective because vaccinations are held to a very high standard of safety. The infectious diseases that vaccines prevent can be dangerous or even deadly.

The majority of people who get diseases have been vaccinated: FALSE

- The Center for Disease Control reports that vaccinations not only protect the person who gets the disease, but also keeps the infectious disease from spreading to others.
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services report that vaccines play a key role in keeping people healthy. Vaccines protect against deadly infectious diseases. People who are vaccinated are prepared to fight the disease faster and more effectively, resulting in not getting ill. Without vaccines people are at risk of getting seriously ill where some illnesses may cause severe pain, disability, and even death.
- The Center for Disease Control reports that vaccines do not overload the immune system, but instead are a safe way to immunize against infectious disease.

Vaccine-preventable illnesses have been eliminated, so there is no need to be vaccinated: FALSE

- According to the Center for Disease Control vaccines prevent many infectious diseases that once killed or harmed people. Vaccines provide protection, so if vaccines are no longer given more people will become infected and infectious diseases will spread amongst other non-vaccinated people. If vaccination completely stopped rare infectious diseases would make a large comeback leading to epidemics of diseases that are under control today.

Facts about Vaccinations

- Vaccines are made from small amounts of weak or dead viruses, bacteria, or toxins that cause infectious diseases.
- Immunization is the process of being immune to an infectious disease, and immunity is the body's way of preventing disease.
- Children who do not get vaccinated are at a high risk for getting seriously ill that can result in pain, disability, and even death.

- Vaccines have greatly reduced or eliminated many infectious diseases that once routinely harmed or killed, but the source that causes diseases still exists so vaccinations are necessary to prevent infants, children, and adults from getting many infectious diseases.
- In a [report from the CDC](#) it is estimated that vaccinations have prevented more than 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths in the last 20 years.

Additional Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html>

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-causes-autism>

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/ed-resources/downloads/f_provider-qa-color.pdf

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/why.htm>

<https://www.vaccines.gov/basics/types>

<https://www.vaccines.gov/basics/safety>

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/ed-resources/downloads/f_provider-qa-color.pdf