

# Need Help Responding to Vaccine-Hesitant Parents?

*Science-based materials are available from these respected organizations*

## American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

- AAP's website to help parents and caregivers who have vaccination questions (see [www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx](http://www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx))
- When parents cannot be convinced, consider using AAP's "Refusal to Vaccinate" form at [https://downloads.aap.org/aap/pdf/rti\\_form.pdf](https://downloads.aap.org/aap/pdf/rti_form.pdf). Translations are available at [www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/implementing-immunization-administration-in-your-practice/refusal-to-vaccinate/](http://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/implementing-immunization-administration-in-your-practice/refusal-to-vaccinate/)
- "Talking with Vaccine Hesitant Parents" (see [www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/talking-with-vaccine-hesitant-parents/](http://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/communicating-with-families-and-promoting-vaccine-confidence/talking-with-vaccine-hesitant-parents/))

## California Department of Public Health

The Immunization Branch of the California Department of Public Health has developed several excellent provider pieces that discuss common vaccination questions from parents. These include

- Vaccine Safety "Answers to Parents' Top Questions" at <https://eziz.org/resources/parented/answers-to-parents-top-questions/>

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC has many online immunization resources. Here are a few favorites

- "Childhood Vaccination Resources for Healthcare Providers" at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/childhood-vaccination-toolkit.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/childhood-vaccination-toolkit.html)
- "Talking to Parents About Vaccines" at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/index.html)
- "Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines" at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/questions-parents-may-ask.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children/hcp/conversation-tips/questions-parents-may-ask.html)

## Immunize.org

Immunize.org's "Vaccine Confidence & Addressing Concerns" web section provides healthcare professionals with top vaccination resources from trusted sources such as CDC, AAP, Immunize.org, VEC, and many more. Visit [www.immunize.org/clinical/vaccine-confidence/](http://www.immunize.org/clinical/vaccine-confidence/)

Refer parents to Immunize.org's website for the public at [www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org).

Immunize.org offers several patient handouts for vaccine-hesitant parents. These include:

- "Clear Answers and Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots," an excerpt from the popular book "Baby 411" by Dr. Ari Brown (see [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf))
- "Record of Vaccine Declination" (see [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4059.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4059.pdf)) Also available in Spanish at [www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4059-spa.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4059-spa.pdf)

- "Reliable Sources of Immunization Information: Where Parents Can Go to Find Answers!" at [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4012.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4012.pdf)
- "Vaccines Work!" at [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4037.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4037.pdf)

## Institute for Vaccine Safety, Johns Hopkins University

The Institute for Vaccine Safety (see [www.vaccinesafety.edu](http://www.vaccinesafety.edu)) summarizes vaccine-specific safety information. Of particular interest is its "Components of Vaccines" section, which contains tables specifying the contents of various vaccines (see [www.vaccinesafety.edu/components](http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/components)).

## Vaccinate Your Family

Vaccinate Your Family (see [www.vaccinateyourfamily.org](http://www.vaccinateyourfamily.org)) answers commonly asked questions about vaccines. This website is family-friendly and has many resources in Spanish.

## Vaccine Education Center (VEC) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

VEC (see [www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center)) offers a wide array of science-based resources.

See a useful list of VEC resources at [www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources)

VEC's "Vaccine Safety" web page covers many timely topics (see [www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-safety](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-safety)) and includes downloadable materials on important safety issues, such as "Are Vaccines Safe?" "Vaccine Ingredients," "Dosing Safety," "Immune System and Health," and more.

Find videos and DVDs at [www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources/vaccine-videos-and-dvds](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/resources/vaccine-videos-and-dvds)

### For parents with concerns about vaccines and autism

There is clear and definitive evidence that vaccines do not cause autism. Here are some useful resources.

- AAP [https://publications.aap.org/patiented/article-abstract/doi/10.1542/peo\\_document599/82016/vaccines-autism-toolkit](https://publications.aap.org/patiented/article-abstract/doi/10.1542/peo_document599/82016/vaccines-autism-toolkit)
- Autism Science Foundation "Autism and Vaccines" at <https://autismsciencefoundation.org/autism-and-vaccines/> and "Autism and Vaccines: Read the Science" at <https://autismsciencefoundation.org/autism-and-vaccines-read-the-science>
- Autism Society "COVID-19: Vaccine Education Initiative" at <https://autismsociety.org/resources/covid-19-support>
- *Autism's False Prophets: Bad Science, Risky Medicine, and the Search for a Cure*, by Paul A. Offit, MD, at your local bookstore
- CDC: Autism and Vaccines at [www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety/about/autism.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety/about/autism.html)
- CDC: "Preparing for Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines" at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/downloads/prepare-infants-508.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/downloads/prepare-infants-508.pdf)
- Immunize.org's "MMR Vaccine Does Not Cause Autism: Examine the Evidence!" at [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4026.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4026.pdf)
- VEC: "Vaccines and Autism: What you should know" <https://media.chop.edu/data/files/pdfs/vaccine-education-center-autism.pdf>

