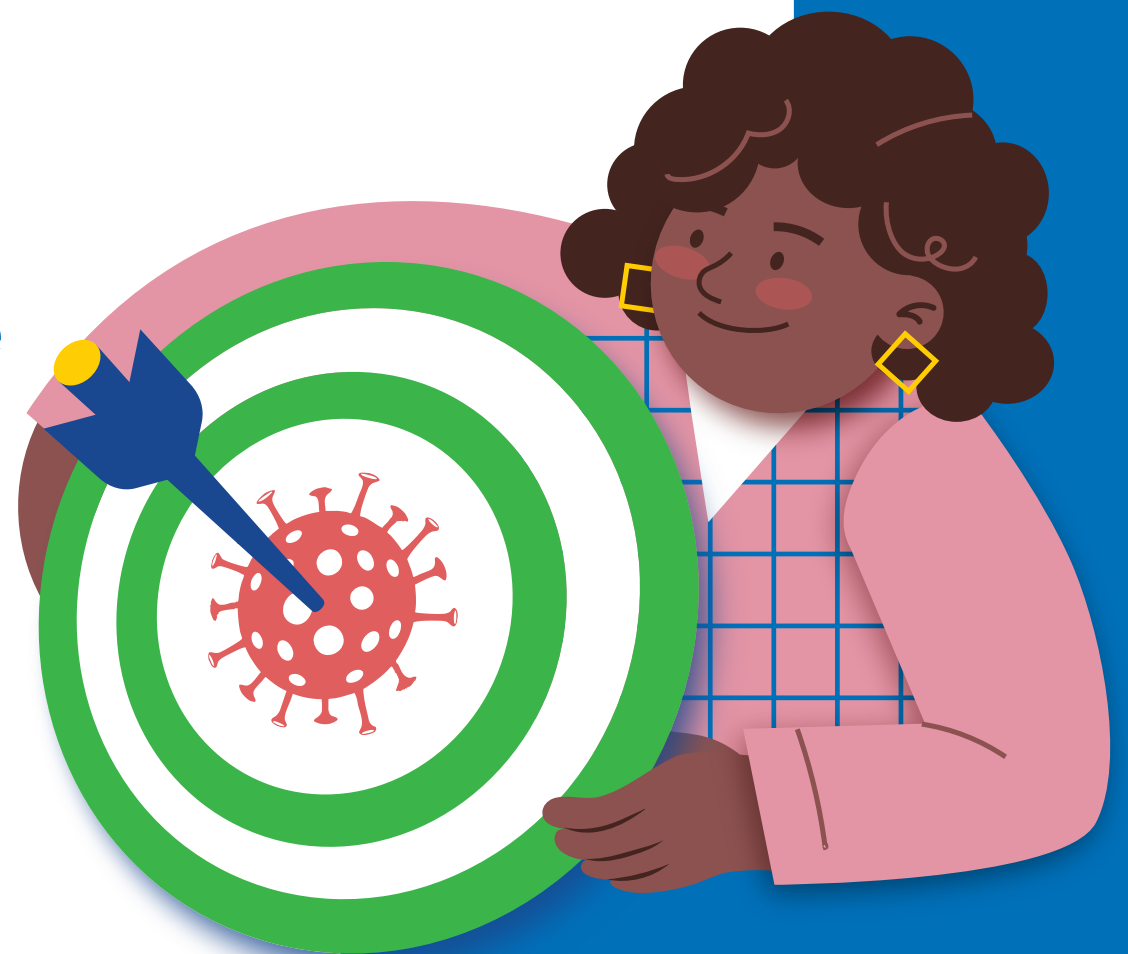


How can vaccines protect our community?

Vaccines give us immunity to diseases – and can prevent diseases from spreading. When many people have immunity, we reach ‘community immunity’, which helps protect everyone.



What is ‘community immunity’?

When many people are vaccinated against an infectious disease, it becomes much less likely to spread from person to person. This shared protection is called ‘community immunity’.



Many diseases and complications that used to be common have now become rare or even disappeared thanks to vaccination.

For example:

- Polio
- Smallpox
- Blindness due to measles
- Disabilities in babies born to mothers who had rubella during pregnancy

‘Community immunity’ helps protect those who are most vulnerable to disease:

- Young children
- Older people
- Cancer patients
- People with conditions that weaken their immune system
- People who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons

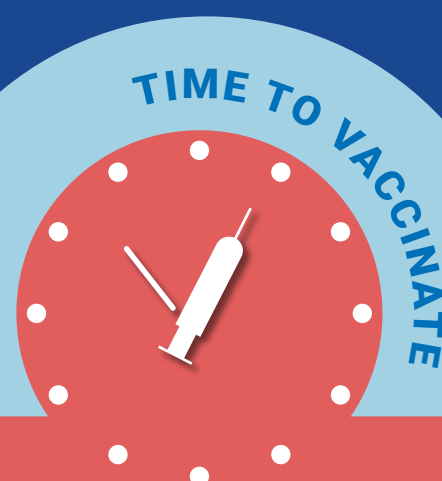


Let’s keep going!

If people stop being vaccinated, many diseases that have become rare thanks to vaccination could return.



Contact your healthcare provider to book your vaccinations.



Vaccines can protect yourself and others

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