

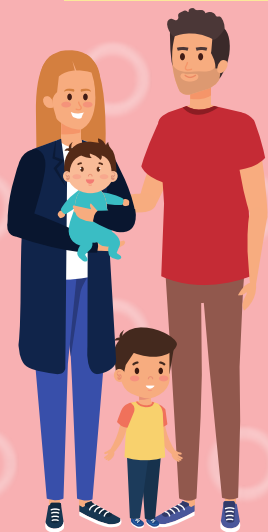
POLIO VACCINE

The polio vaccine protects your child from the poliovirus. (1)



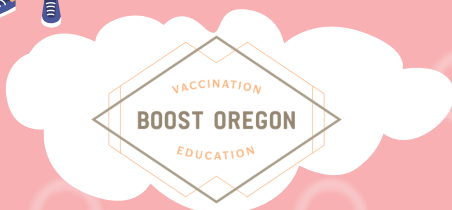
The poliovirus infects the throat and intestines. It spreads easily from person to person. Most people who catch polio will not have any symptoms, but they can still spread it. Severe illness can cause meningitis (infection of the brain and spinal cord) and paralysis. (1,2)

The polio vaccine does not contain the live virus. You cannot catch or spread polio from receiving the vaccine. (2)



Doctors recommend 4 doses of the vaccine beginning at 2 months old. (2)

Possible side effects are redness or swelling at the injection site. (1)



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