

VARICELLA VACCINE

The varicella vaccine protects your child from the chickenpox.⁽¹⁾

Chickenpox is an infection caused by the varicella virus, and it is very contagious. It spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or contact with broken blisters. Chickenpox causes a blistering rash that covers the entire body. Other symptoms are fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, or headache. ^(1,2)



1 IN EVERY 1,000 CHILDREN WHO GET CHICKEN POX WILL DEVELOP SEVERE INFECTION OF THEIR LUNGS (PNEUMONIA) OR BRAIN (ENCEPHALITIS), WHICH MAY REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION OR CAUSE DEATH. (1)

Doctors recommend 2 doses given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years old. Tell your provider before the vaccine if your child has life-threatening allergies, a weakened immune system, or recently had a blood transfusion. (2)



Possible side effects are soreness at the injection site, fever, rash, or blisters. (1,2)

Vaccinating your child against chickenpox is much safer than exposing your child to the disease. Exposure does not guarantee that they will get it, or that they will have a mild case. No one can predict if your child will have a life-threatening reaction to the disease. (3)



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1) Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/vaccine-details/varicella-vaccine>

2) American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Chickenpox-Vaccine-What-You-Need-to-Know.aspx>

3) American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Chickenpox-Vaccine-Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>