

VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

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1. Why get vaccinated?

Varicella vaccine can prevent **varicella**.

Varicella, also called chickenpox, causes an itchy rash that usually lasts about a week. It can also cause fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, and headache. It can lead to skin infection, pneumonia, inflammation of the blood vessels, swelling of the brain and/or spinal cord coating, and infection of the bloodstream, bone, or joints. Some people who get chickenpox get a painful rash called shingles (also known as herpes zoster) later.

Chickenpox is usually mild, but it can be serious. Second dose: age 4 through 6 years.

3. Talk with your health care provider

Tell your health care provider if he or she is pregnant or thinks you might be pregnant.

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Older children, adolescents, and adults also need 2 doses of varicella vaccine if they are not already immune to chickenpox.

Varicella vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines. Also, a child between 12 months and 12 years of age might receive varicella vaccine together with MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine in a single shot, known as MMRV. Your health care provider can give you more information.

4. Risks of a vaccine reaction

Sore arm from the injection, redness or rash here
