

Make an informed decision: Compare the risks!

Rotavirus Information

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/rotavirus/

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaers/rotateq.htm

Immunization Information

Spokane Regional Health District
www.protectyours.org

Immunization Action Coalition
www.immunize.org

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
www.cdc.gov/vaccines

Is your child protected?



Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhea in young children.



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Rotavirus is found in human stool and the virus can easily spread through hands and objects.

What is rotavirus?

This virus is the most common cause of severe diarrhea in young children and can cause dehydration and even death. Nearly every child in the U.S. is exposed to rotavirus before their 5th birthday.

The rotavirus immunization prevents 74% of all rotavirus cases, and about 96% of hospitalizations due to rotavirus.

Kids share viruses better than most things. Rotavirus is very contagious and causes 20 to 60 deaths among children less than 5 years of age in the U.S. each year.

Recommendations:

The CDC recommends that all infants should be immunized against rotavirus. The immunization is a liquid given by mouth – not a shot. Talk to your doctor about protecting your child.

First Dose: 2 months of age

Second Dose: 4 months of age

Third Dose: 6 months of age (if needed)

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Risk of rotavirus

Each year in the United States rotavirus causes:

- More than 400,000 doctor visits
- More than 200,000 kids to go to the emergency room
- 50,000 to 70,000 kids to be hospitalized

Risk of rotavirus immunization

- The rotavirus immunization is very safe. It has been studied in more than 70,000 healthy infants and no serious side effects, such as high fever or allergic reactions, were found.
- The most common side effect of the rotavirus immunization is fussiness.

You can protect your kids from rotavirus by getting them immunized.



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