

# How do vaccines work?

Vaccination is the safest way to protect your child against an infectious disease. Once your child has been vaccinated, they should have **immunity** to the disease.

You are given a small amount of a harmless form of a disease...



...Then your body makes **antibodies** to fight it off

Then if you encounter the disease again...

...your body already has the antibodies, so you don't get sick.

You are **immune.**

