

Vaccination: Avoiding Immunization Puts Children at Risk of Serious Illness

Measles has once again been declared an epidemic, and deaths have been reported in the United Kingdom. In the U.S., 11 new cases of measles were recently reported in the San Diego area, all among non-immunized children. David Tayloe, Jr. M.D, FAAP, President-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics warns that unproven concerns about vaccine safety have created a backlash that threatens to unleash, once again, deadly diseases on our children.

Asheville, NC ([PRWeb](#)) October 29, 2008 -- David Tayloe, Jr. M.D, FAAP, President-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics warns that unproven concerns about vaccine safety have created a backlash that threatens to unleash, once again, deadly diseases on our children. In the past year, over 130 new cases have occurred, all in children who had not been vaccinated. In Dr. Tayloe's article in Sixty Second Parent's newsletter [newsletter](#), he writes, "If this trend continues to grow, measles, mumps and whooping cough will return, and our children will be added to the 250,000 deaths per year from measles that now occur in under-developed and non-immunized parts of the world."

No one, especially parents, want that to happen. Many people have forgotten these frightening epidemics of the past and are now more fearful of the vaccination themselves; however, those concerned about vaccine safety can be reassured. Before vaccines are approved for use in the general population, they undergo years of testing in all eligible age groups and in combination with all other vaccines that might be given at the same time. After approval by advisory groups that include physicians, administrators, vaccine scientists, parents and citizen groups, those who receive the vaccines are carefully tracked to assure vaccine safety. The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program was established in 1986 to compensate children who might possibly have experienced an illness or injury secondary to a rare adverse effect from a vaccine. Getting a child to participate in vaccinations is no longer a challenge, with many [solutions now available](#) from Nationally recognized pediatrician Dr. Olson Huff MD of Sixty Second Parent.

The last large measles epidemic in the United States occurred 19 years ago, resulting in 55,000 cases, 11,000 hospitalizations and 130 deaths. This led to a reassessment of the vaccination rates, the increased dose of MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) vaccine, and the establishment by the federal government of the Vaccines for Children Program. This program guaranteed that all children, regardless of their family's income, would have vaccines available to them. As a result, until recently, measles had been virtually eliminated in America.

"I have been giving vaccines to children in our community for over 30 years and have yet to document a single case where a child has suffered a permanent injury as a result of immunization," said Dr Tayloe, whose children and grandchildren have all received the vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. As a pediatrician devoted to the healthcare of children, he feels strongly that all children deserve to have full protection from the dreaded diseases now preventable through proper immunizations.

Dr. Olson Huff from Sixty Second Parent gives supporting parenting tips about [preparing your child for a routine visit to a doctor](#).

About Sixty Second Parent:



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As part of the solution, Sixty Second Parent has brought together the world's leading experts in child development, child health and parenting to provide sound practical parenting information within an online community network.

Sixty Second Parent provides parents-to-be, young parents and grandparents with information, enjoyment, and connection into a like-minded community via a user-friendly Web platform. This community gives parents the information they need, as well as reassurance in their actions, and guidance in interactions with their children.

The online support network is designed to link parents and families with industry specialists and other parents along with an online parenting store offering the best in early childcare resources.

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