



Congratulations on the birth of your baby! This is an exciting time, and you have lots to do to keep your baby healthy & happy. One of the most important things is your baby's immunizations. The West Virginia Immunization Network (WIN) encourages you to closely follow the immunization schedule. This can be easy because many "shots" can be given during well-child visits to the doctor.

Many childhood diseases that your parents and grandparents may have had are now preventable by vaccines. Many hardly ever occur in large numbers or groups of children in the United States. This is good news for parents.....one less thing to worry about. **BUT** this is only true because immunizations have been given as scheduled. Recently there's been an increase in whooping cough (pertussis) cases, which is a vaccine preventable disease. This increase is an unfortunate reminder of the need to keep on schedule with childhood vaccinations.

For more information about immunizations, please visit the WIN website at [www.immunizenow.org](http://www.immunizenow.org).