

Vaccination: Why?

Information for the teacher:

Print or copy several sets of the following information boxes, cut them out and hang them up around the classroom. Your students should then look at the different reasons for vaccination and decide which of them they consider the most important one for themselves.

Protection against diseases

A vaccination protects you from contracting the relevant disease.

Vacation

Although some diseases are not prevalent in North America or Europe, they can still be found in popular holiday destinations. Before traveling there, people can be vaccinated so that, while on holiday (or afterwards), they won't become ill.

Pregnancy: Protecting the unborn child

Some diseases damage the unborn child if the mother contracts them during pregnancy.

Eradication of diseases

If a pathogen no longer finds anybody to infect, this pathogen will not multiply any further. In the long term, the pathogen will die out.

Regulation / Recommendation

The government recommends particular vaccinations that everyone should have.

Protection against long-term consequences

The diseases against which vaccinations exist can have severe consequences for those who contract them, for example: blindness, paralysis, sterility, and many more.